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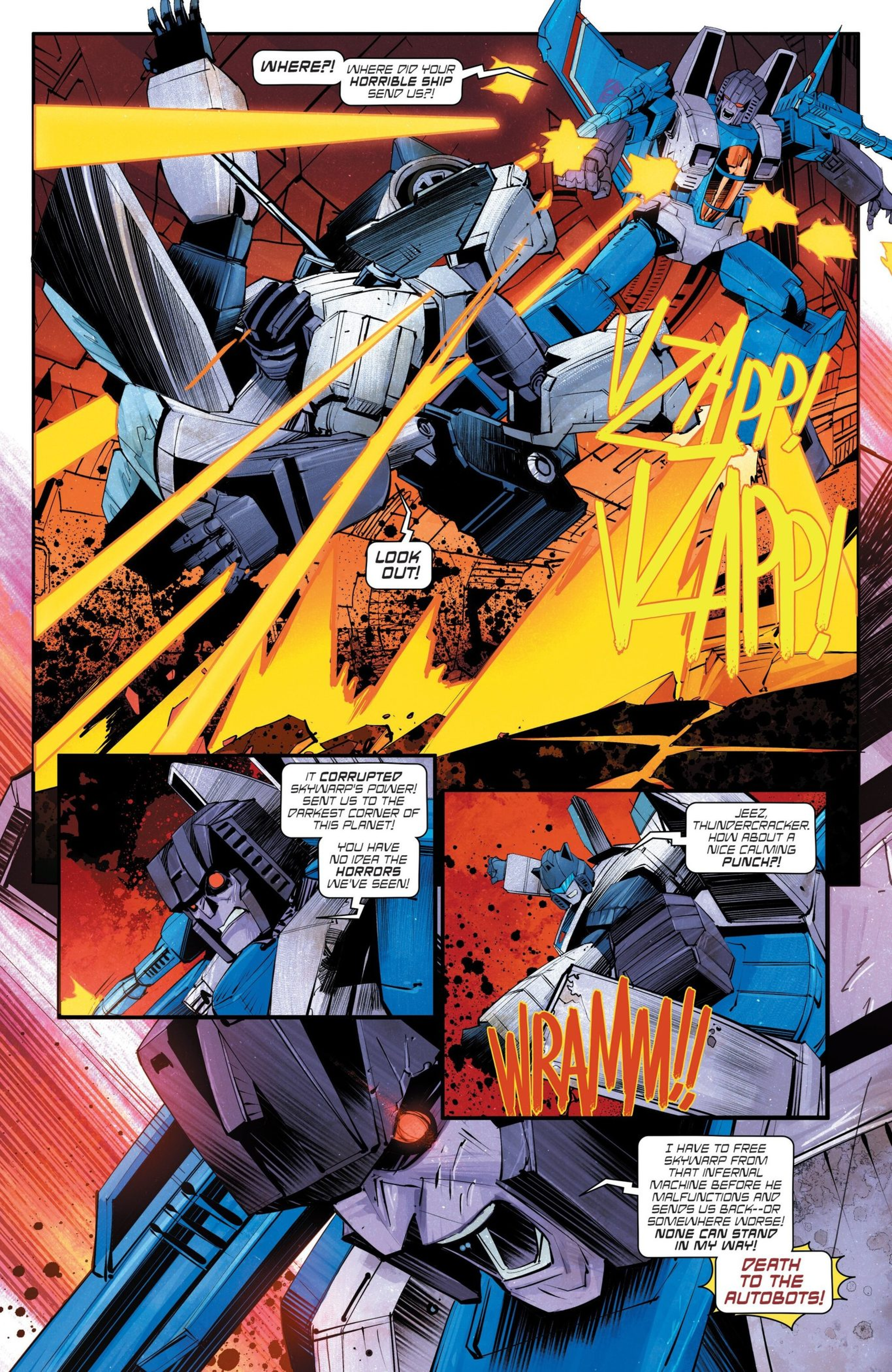
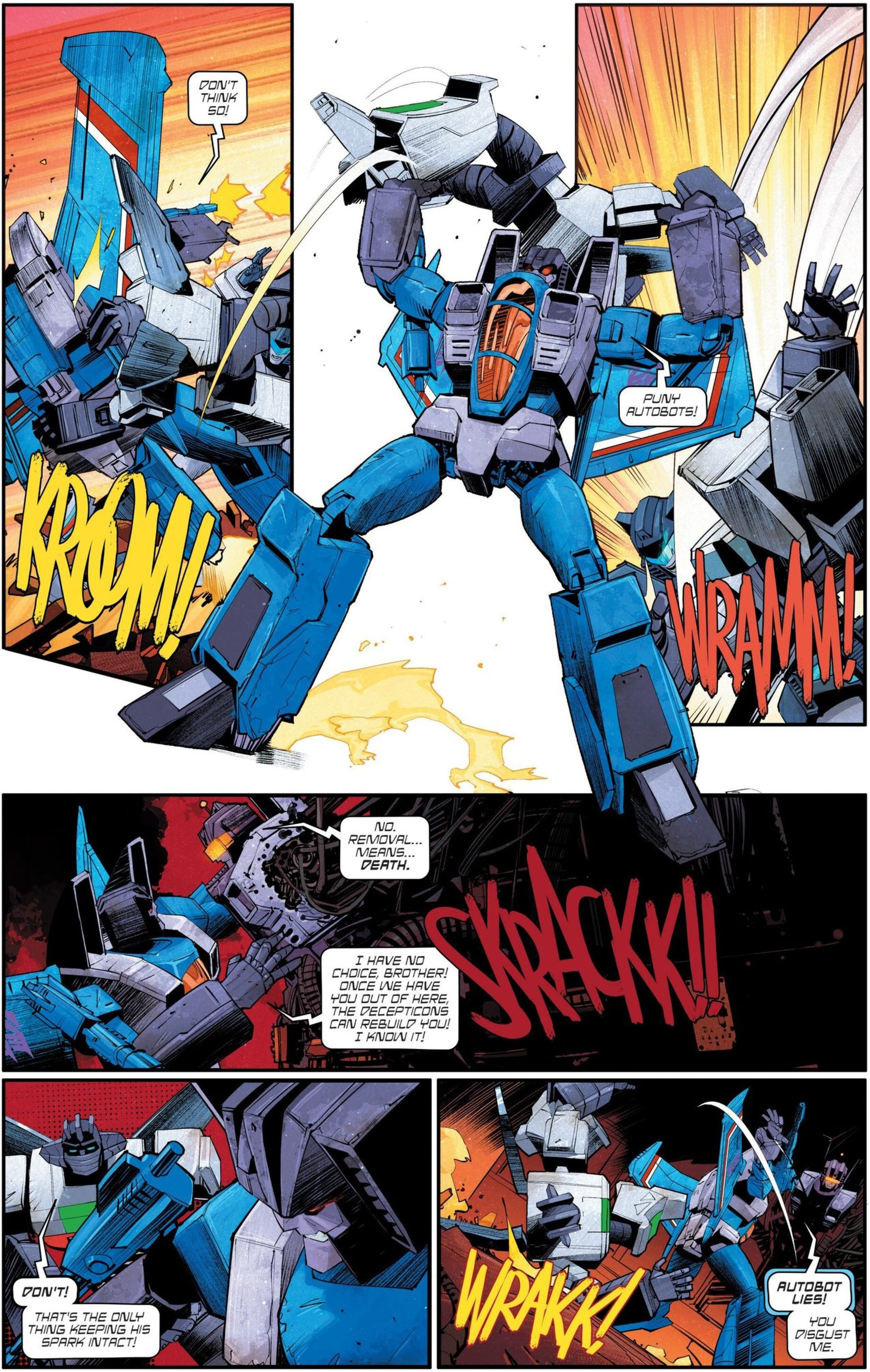
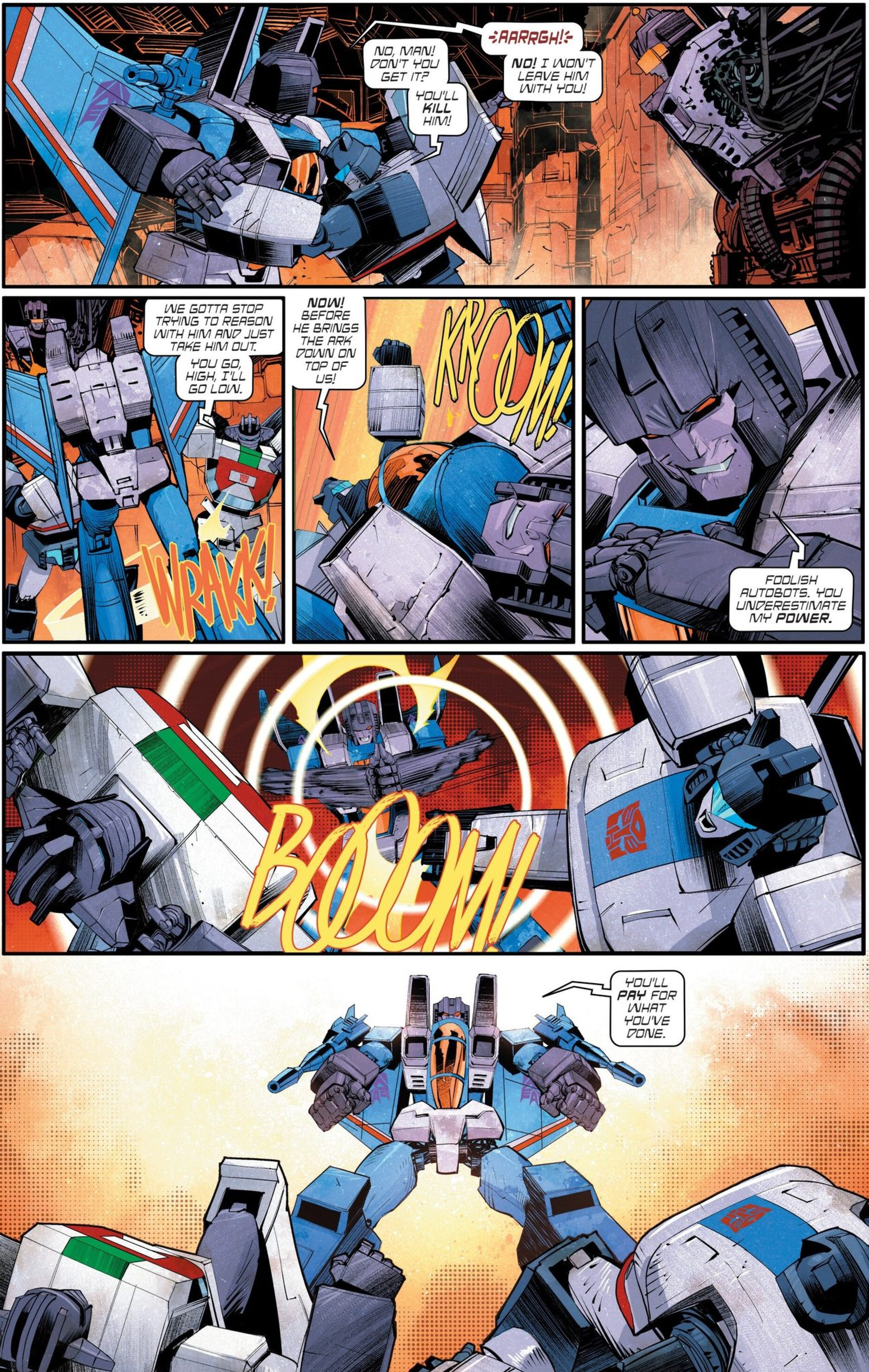
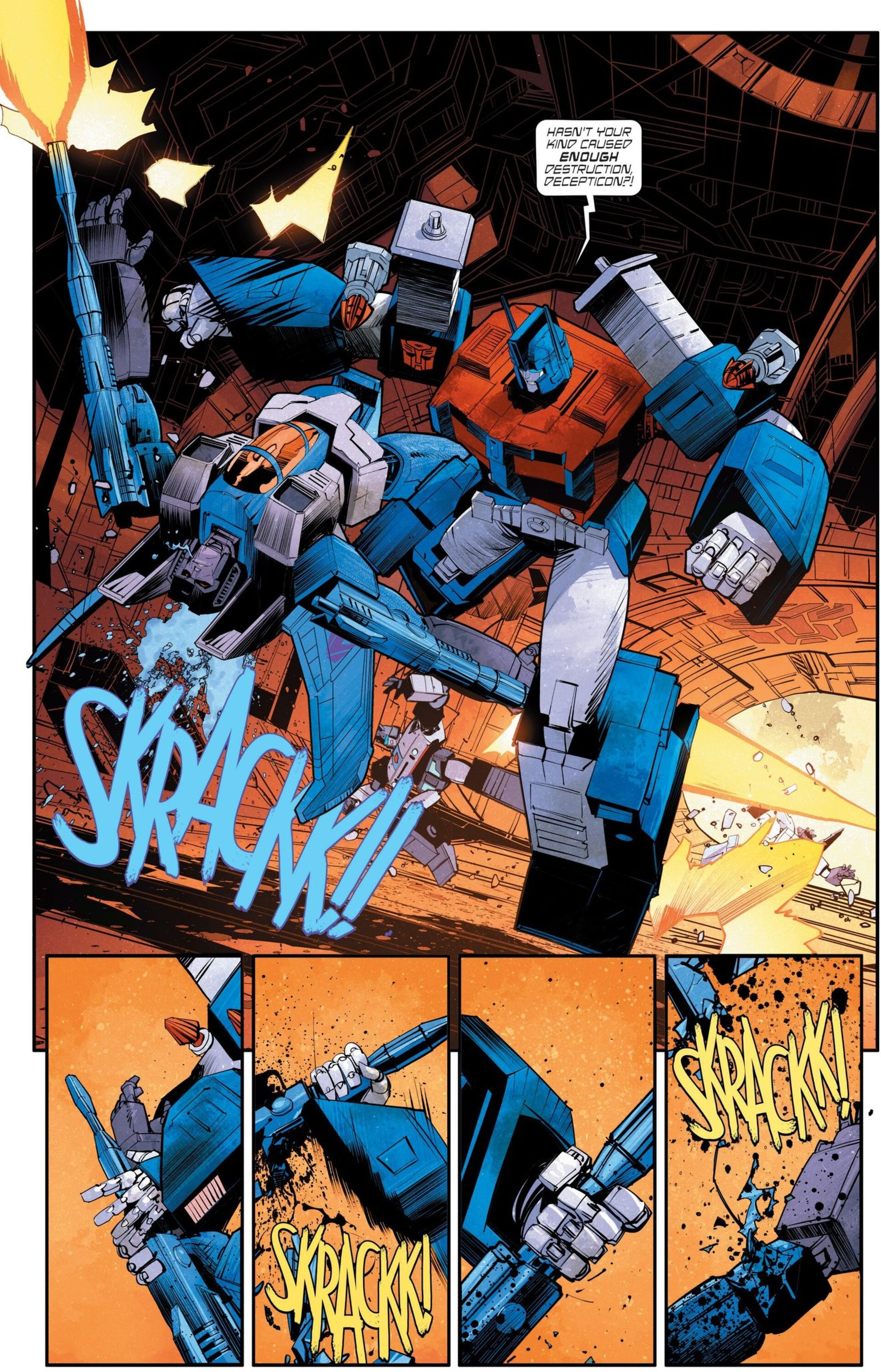
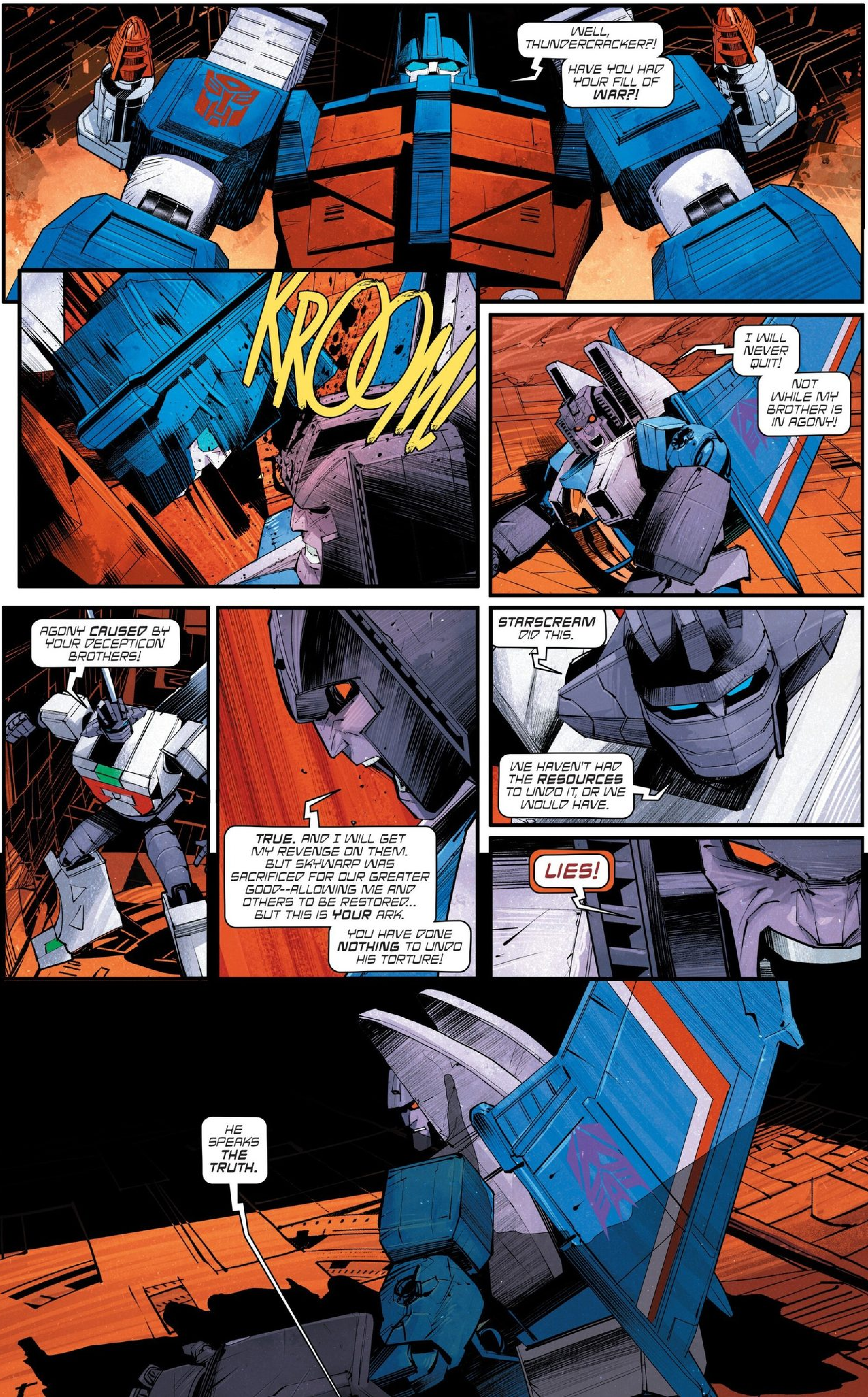
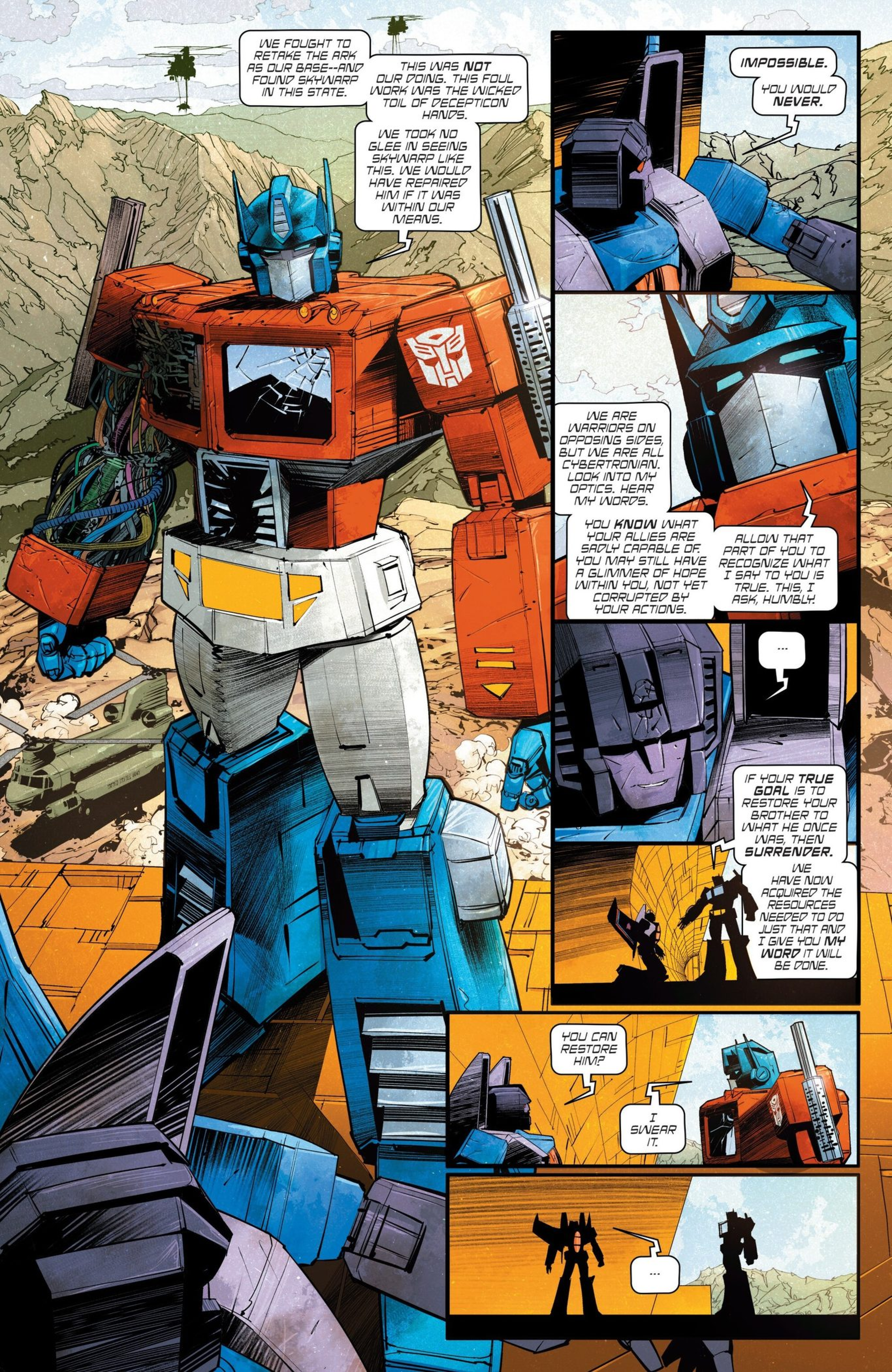

WHERE?!
WHERE DID YOUR HORRIBLE SHIP SEND US?!
VZAPP! VZAPP!
LOOK OUT!
IT CORRUPTED SKYWARP'S POWER! SENT US TO THE DARKEST CORNER OF THIS PLANET!
YOU HAVE NO IDEA THE HORRORS WE'VE SEEN!
JEEZ, THUNDERCRACKER. HOW ABOUT A NICE CALMING PUNCH?!
WRAMM!!
I HAVE TO FREE SKYWARP FROM THAT INFERNAL MACHINE BEFORE HE MALFUNCTIONS AND SENDS US BACK--OR SOMEWHERE WORSE! NONE CAN STAND IN MY WAY!
DEATH TO THE AUTOBOTS!


DON'T THINK SO!
KROOM!
PUNY AUTOBOTS!
WRAMM!
NO. REMOVAL... MEANS... **DEATH.**
SKRACKK!!
I HAVE NO CHOICE, BROTHER! ONCE WE HAVE YOU OUT OF HERE, THE DECEPTICONS CAN REBUILD YOU! I KNOW IT!
DON'T!
THAT'S THE ONLY THING KEEPING HIS SPARK INTACT!
WRAKK!
AUTOBOT LIES!
YOU DISGUST ME.


AARRGH!
NO, MAN! DON'T YOU GET IT?
YOU'LL KILL HIM!
NO! I WON'T LEAVE HIM WITH YOU!
WE GOTTA STOP TRYING TO REASON WITH HIM AND JUST TAKE HIM OUT.
YOU GO, HIGH, I'LL GO LOW.
WRAKK!
NOW! BEFORE HE BRINGS THE ARK DOWN ON TOP OF US!
KROOM!
FOOLISH AUTOBOTS. YOU UNDERESTIMATE MY POWER.
BOOM!
YOU'LL PAY FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE.


HASN'T YOUR KIND CAUSED **ENOUGH** DESTRUCTION, DECEPTICON?!
SKRACKK!!
SKRACKK!
SKRACKK!


WELL, THUNDERCRACKER?! HAVE YOU HAD YOUR FILL OF WAR?!
KROOM!
I WILL NEVER QUIT!
NOT WHILE MY BROTHER IS IN AGONY!
AGONY CAUSED BY YOUR DECEPTICON BROTHERS!
TRUE. AND I WILL GET MY REVENGE ON THEM. BUT SKYWARP WAS SACRIFICED FOR OUR GREATER GOOD--ALLOWING ME AND OTHERS TO BE RESTORED... BUT THIS IS YOUR ARK.
YOU HAVE DONE NOTHING TO UNDO HIS TORTURE!
STARSCREAM DID THIS.
WE HAVEN'T HAD THE RESOURCES TO UNDO IT, OR WE WOULD HAVE.
LIES!
HE SPEAKS THE TRUTH.


WE FOUGHT TO RETAKE THE ARK AS OUR BASE--AND FOUND SKYWARP IN THIS STATE.
THIS WAS **NOT** OUR DOING. THIS FOUL WORK WAS THE WICKED TOIL OF DECEPTICON HANDS.
WE TOOK NO GLEE IN SEEING SKYWARP LIKE THIS. WE WOULD HAVE REPAIRED HIM IF IT WAS WITHIN OUR MEANS.
IMPOSSIBLE.
YOU WOULD **NEVER.**
WE ARE WARRIORS ON OPPOSING SIDES, BUT WE ARE ALL CYBERTRONIAN. LOOK INTO MY OPTICS. HEAR MY WORDS.
YOU **KNOW** WHAT YOUR ALLIES ARE SADLY CAPABLE OF. YOU MAY STILL HAVE A GLIMMER OF HOPE WITHIN YOU, NOT YET CORRUPTED BY YOUR ACTIONS.
ALLOW THAT PART OF YOU TO RECOGNIZE WHAT I SAY TO YOU IS TRUE. THIS, I ASK, HUMBLY.
...
IF YOUR **TRUE GOAL** IS TO RESTORE YOUR BROTHER TO WHAT HE ONCE WAS, THEN **SURRENDER.**
WE HAVE NOW ACQUIRED THE RESOURCES NEEDED TO DO JUST THAT AND I GIVE YOU **MY WORD** IT WILL BE DONE.
YOU CAN RESTORE HIM?
I SWEAR IT.
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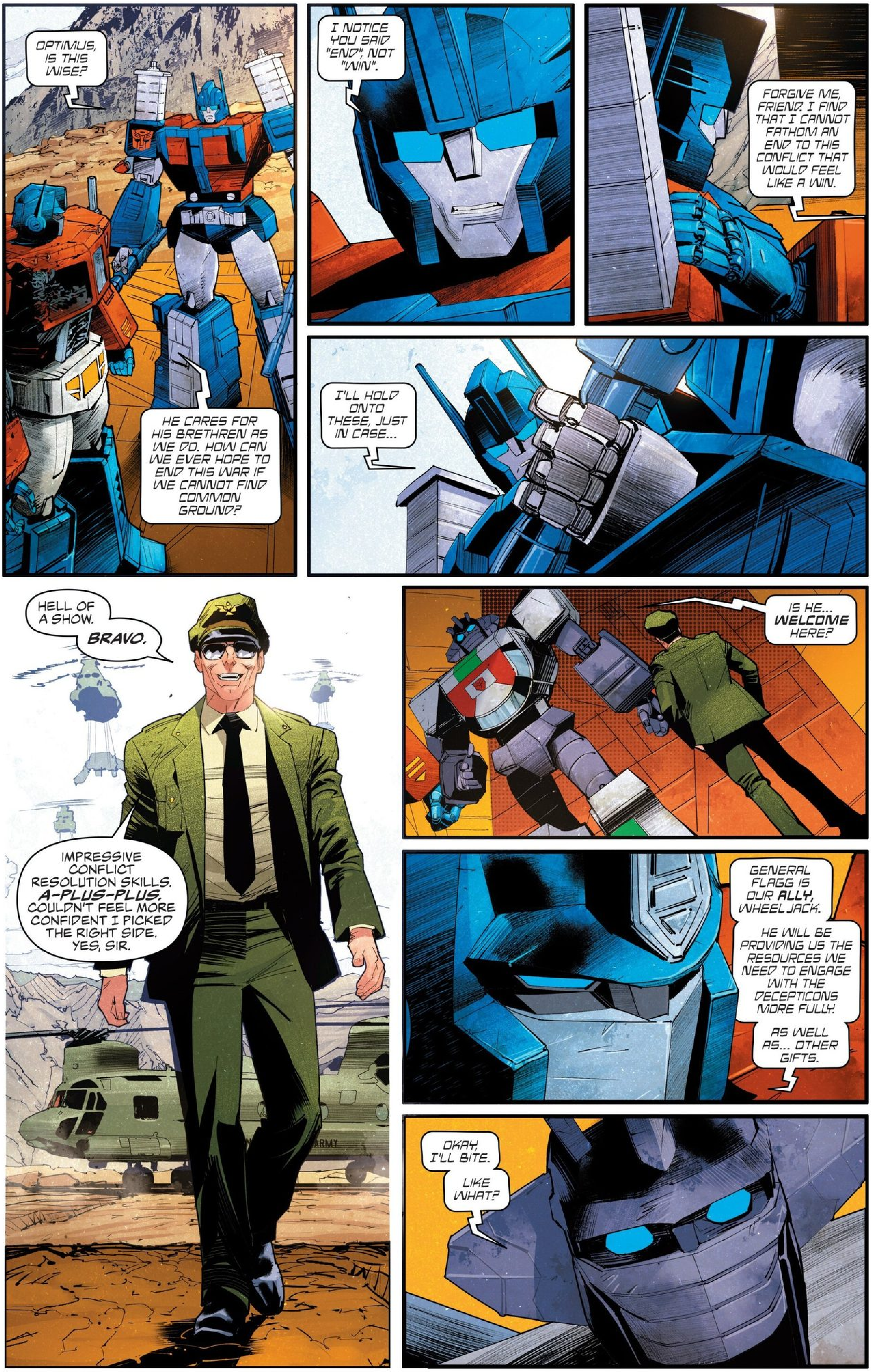
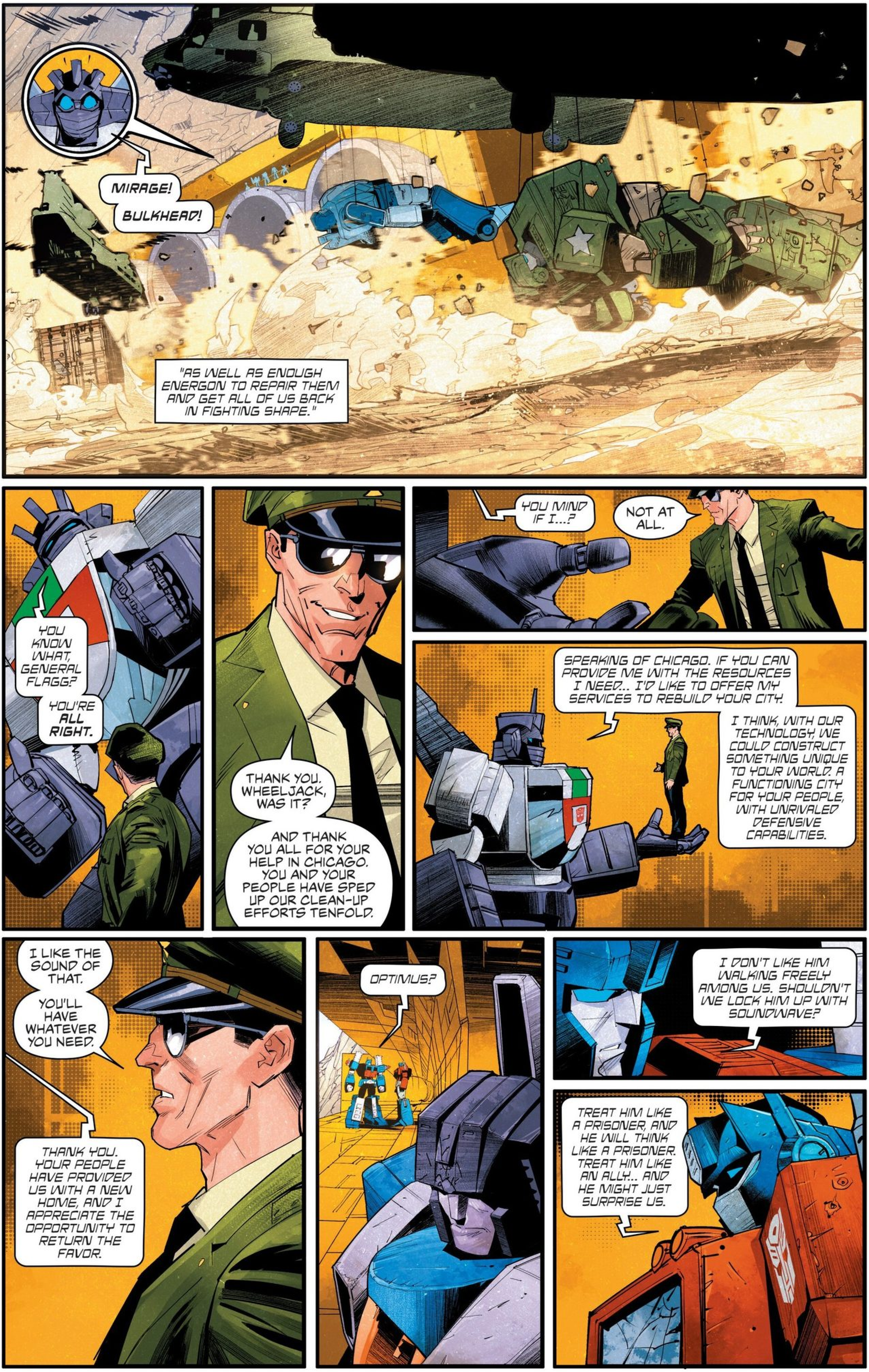
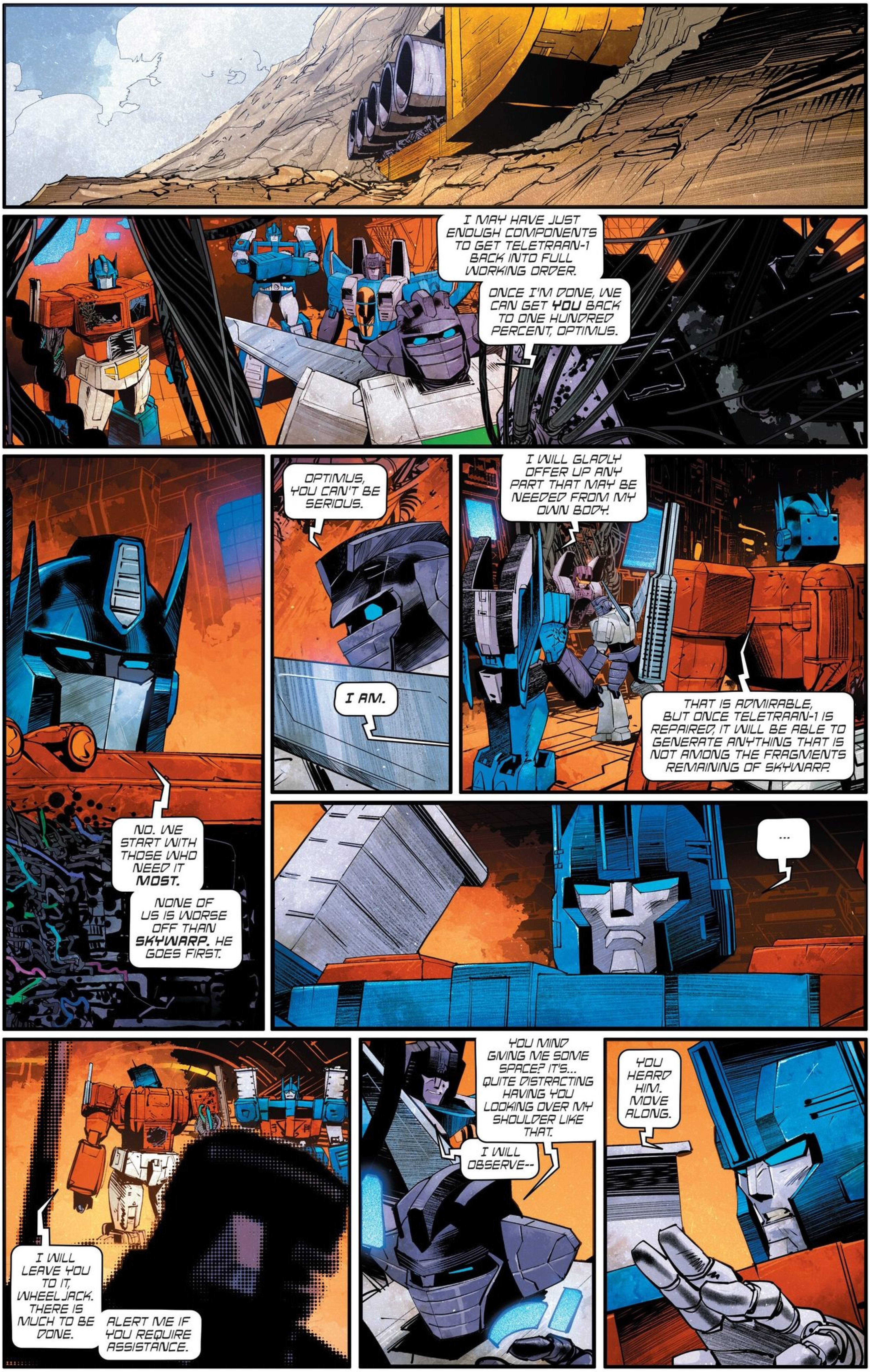
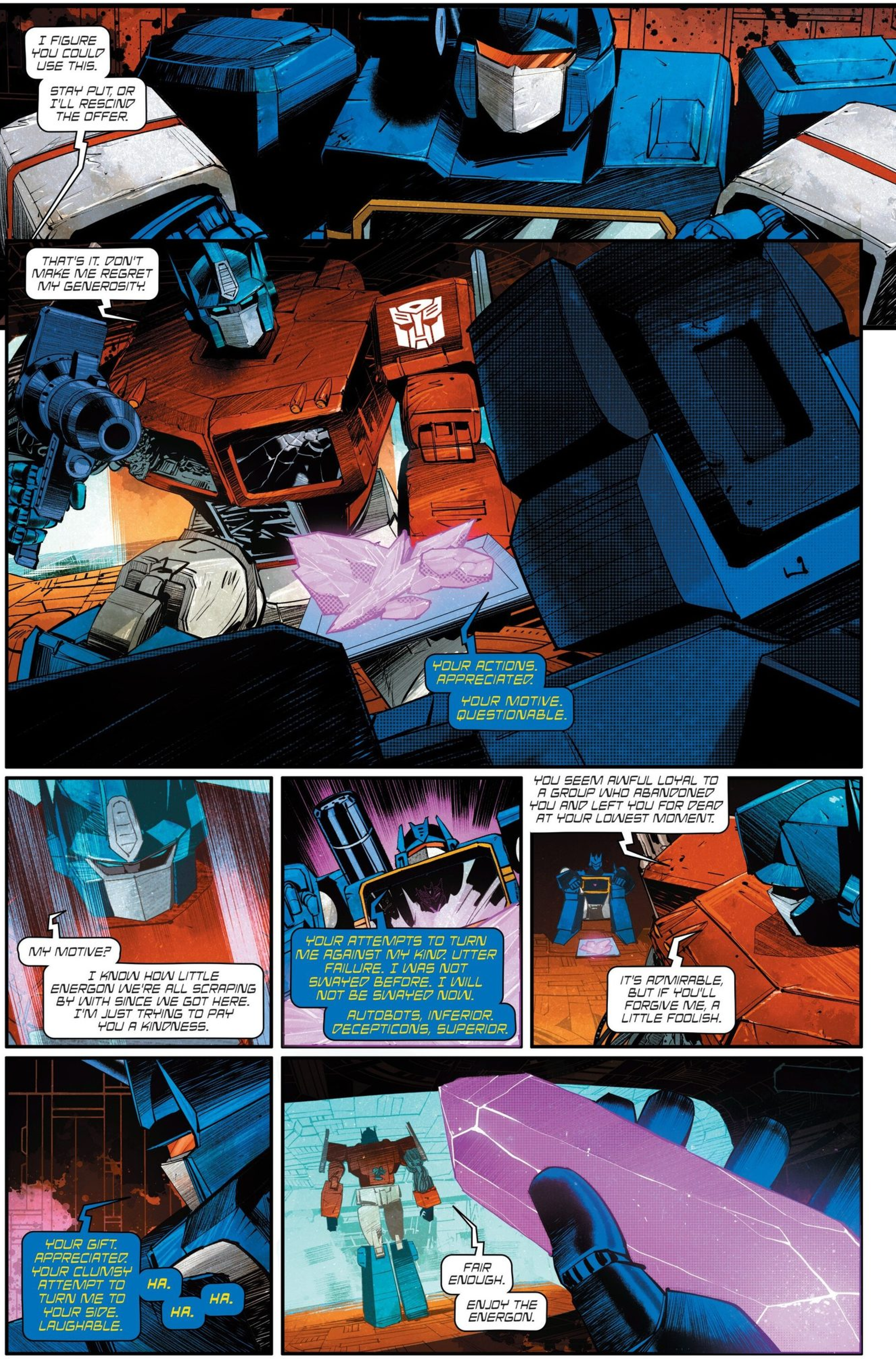
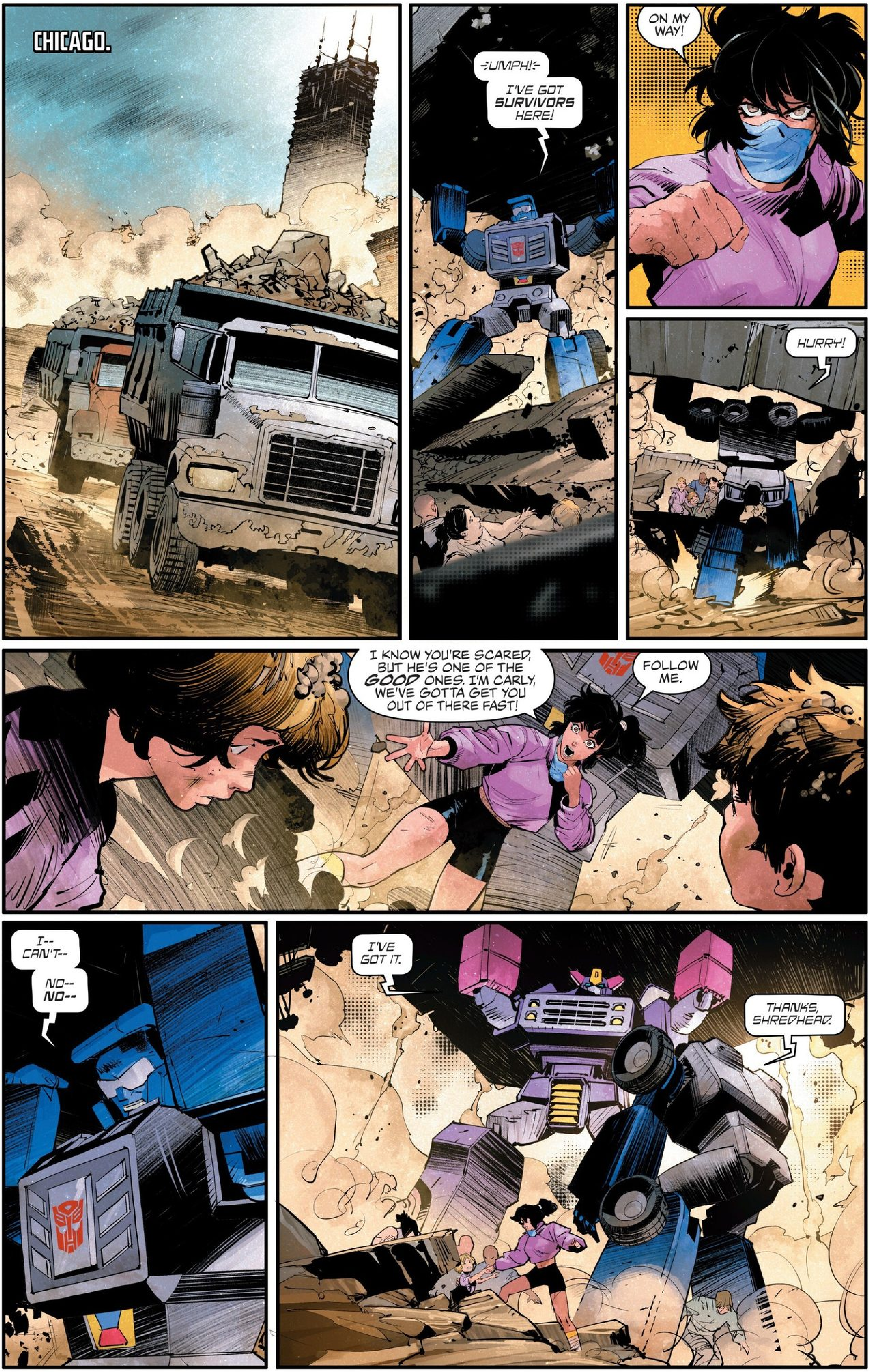
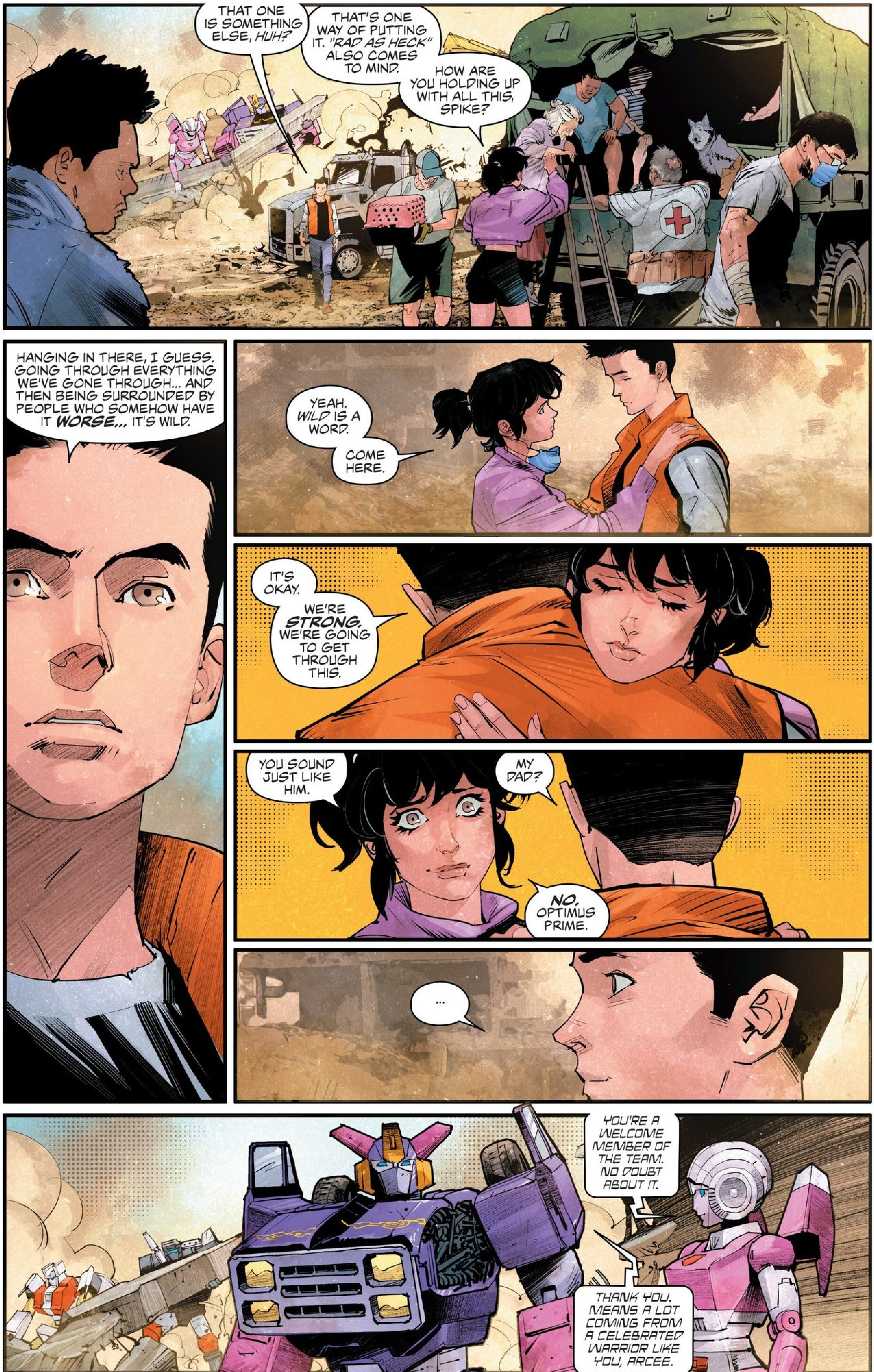

OPTIMUS, IS THIS WISE?
HE CARES FOR HIS BRETHREN AS WE DO. HOW CAN WE EVER HOPE TO END THIS WAR IF WE CANNOT FIND COMMON GROUND?
I NOTICE YOU SAID "END", NOT "WIN".
FORGIVE ME, FRIEND. I FIND THAT I CANNOT FATHOM AN END TO THIS CONFLICT THAT WOULD FEEL LIKE A WIN.
I'LL HOLD ONTO THESE, JUST IN CASE...
HELL OF A SHOW. **BRAVO.**
IMPRESSIVE CONFLICT RESOLUTION SKILLS. **A-PLUS-PLUS.** COULDN'T FEEL MORE CONFIDENT I PICKED THE RIGHT SIDE. YES, SIR.
ARMY
IS HE... **WELCOME** HERE?
GENERAL FLAGG IS OUR **ALLY**, WHEELJACK.
HE WILL BE PROVIDING US THE RESOURCES WE NEED TO ENGAGE WITH THE DECEPTICONS MORE FULLY.
AS WELL AS... OTHER GIFTS.
OKAY, I'LL BITE.
LIKE WHAT?

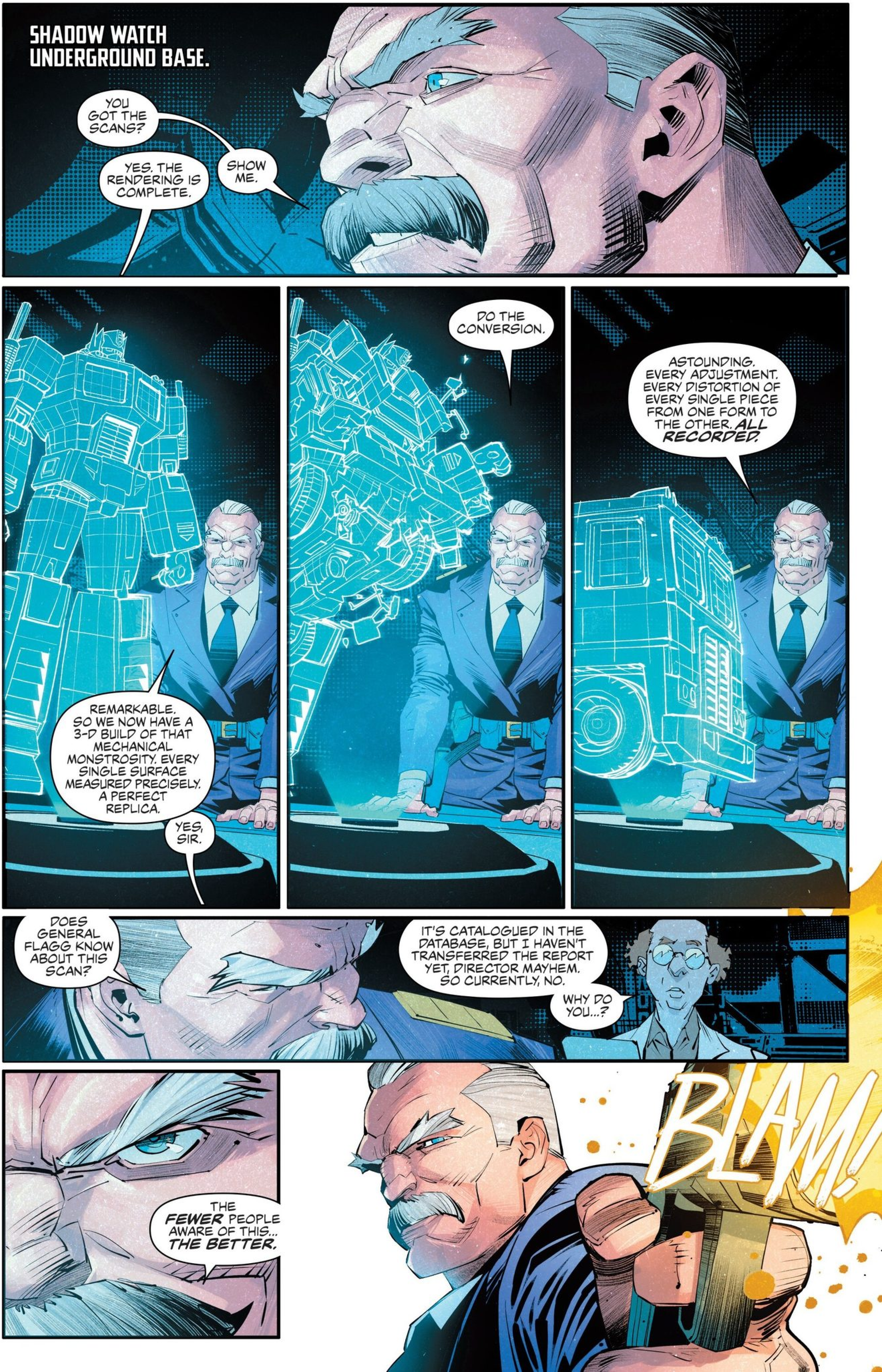

MIRAGE!
BULKHEAD!
"AS WELL AS ENOUGH ENERGON TO REPAIR THEM AND GET ALL OF US BACK IN FIGHTING SHAPE."
YOU KNOW WHAT, GENERAL FLAGG?
YOU'RE ALL RIGHT.
THANK YOU. WHEELJACK, WAS IT?
AND THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP IN CHICAGO. YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE HAVE SPED UP OUR CLEAN-UP EFFORTS TENFOLD.
YOU MIND IF I...?
NOT AT ALL.
SPEAKING OF CHICAGO. IF YOU CAN PROVIDE ME WITH THE RESOURCES I NEED... I'D LIKE TO OFFER MY SERVICES TO REBUILD YOUR CITY.
I THINK, WITH OUR TECHNOLOGY, WE COULD CONSTRUCT SOMETHING UNIQUE TO YOUR WORLD. A FUNCTIONING CITY FOR YOUR PEOPLE, WITH UNRIVALED DEFENSIVE CAPABILITIES.
I LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT.
YOU'LL HAVE WHATEVER YOU NEED.
THANK YOU. YOUR PEOPLE HAVE PROVIDED US WITH A NEW HOME, AND I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN THE FAVOR.
OPTIMUS?
I DON'T LIKE HIM WALKING FREELY AMONG US. SHOULDN'T WE LOCK HIM UP WITH SOUNDWAVE?
TREAT HIM LIKE A PRISONER, AND HE WILL THINK LIKE A PRISONER. TREAT HIM LIKE AN ALLY... AND HE MIGHT JUST SURPRISE US.

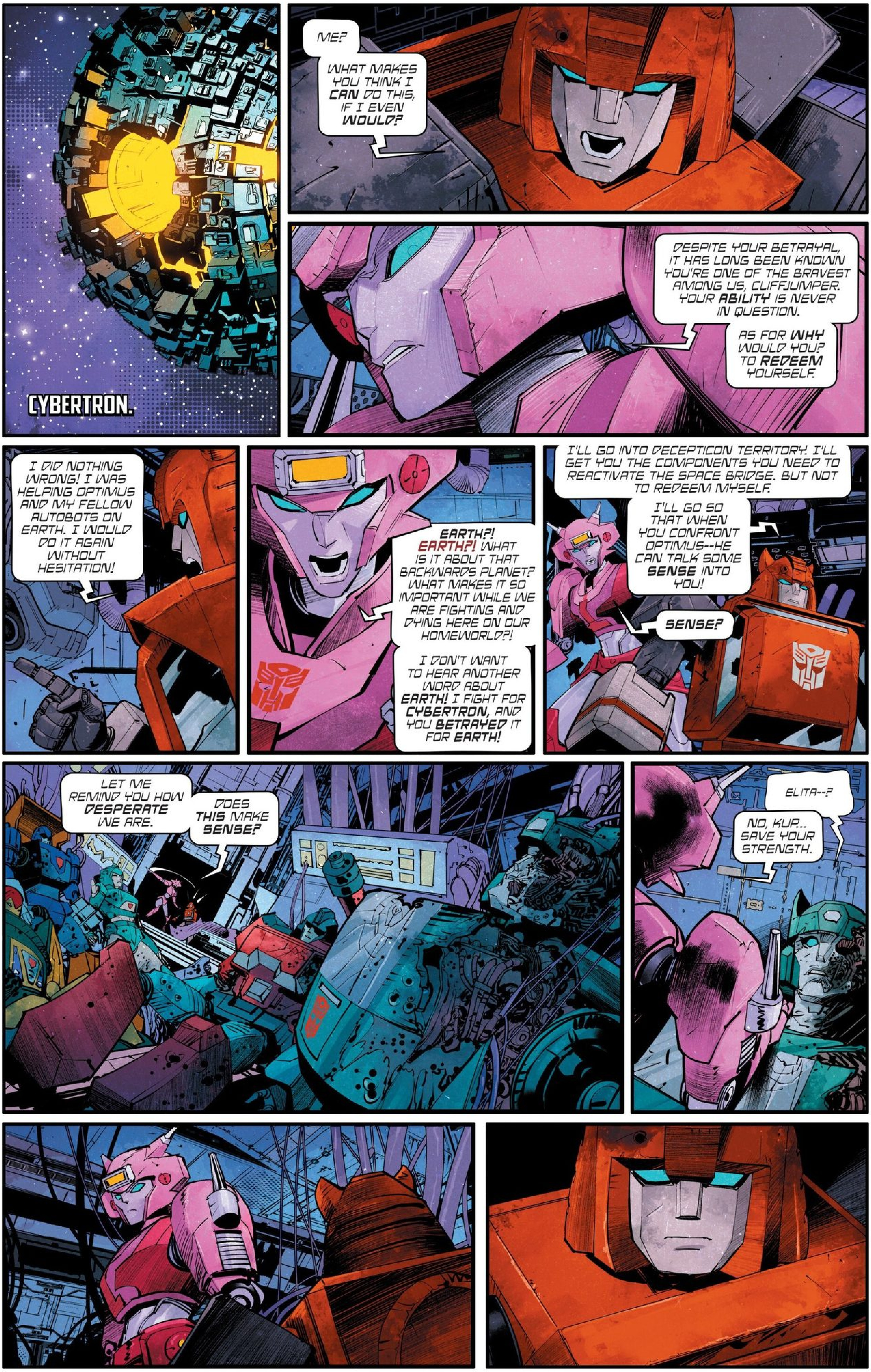

I MAY HAVE JUST ENOUGH COMPONENTS TO GET TELETRAAN-1 BACK INTO FULL WORKING ORDER.
ONCE I'M DONE, WE CAN GET **YOU** BACK TO ONE HUNDRED PERCENT, OPTIMUS.
NO. WE START WITH THOSE WHO NEED IT **MOST.**
NONE OF US IS WORSE OFF THAN **SKYWARP.** HE GOES FIRST.
OPTIMUS, YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS.
I AM.
I WILL GLADLY OFFER UP ANY PART THAT MAY BE NEEDED FROM MY OWN BODY.
THAT IS ADMIRABLE, BUT ONCE TELETRAAN-1 IS REPAIRED, IT WILL BE ABLE TO GENERATE ANYTHING THAT IS NOT AMONG THE FRAGMENTS REMAINING OF SKYWARP.
...
I WILL LEAVE YOU TO IT, WHEELJACK. THERE IS MUCH TO BE DONE.
ALERT ME IF YOU REQUIRE ASSISTANCE.
YOU MIND GIVING ME SOME SPACE? IT'S... QUITE DISTRACTING HAVING YOU LOOKING OVER MY SHOULDER LIKE THAT.
I WILL OBSERVE--
YOU HEARD HIM. MOVE ALONG.

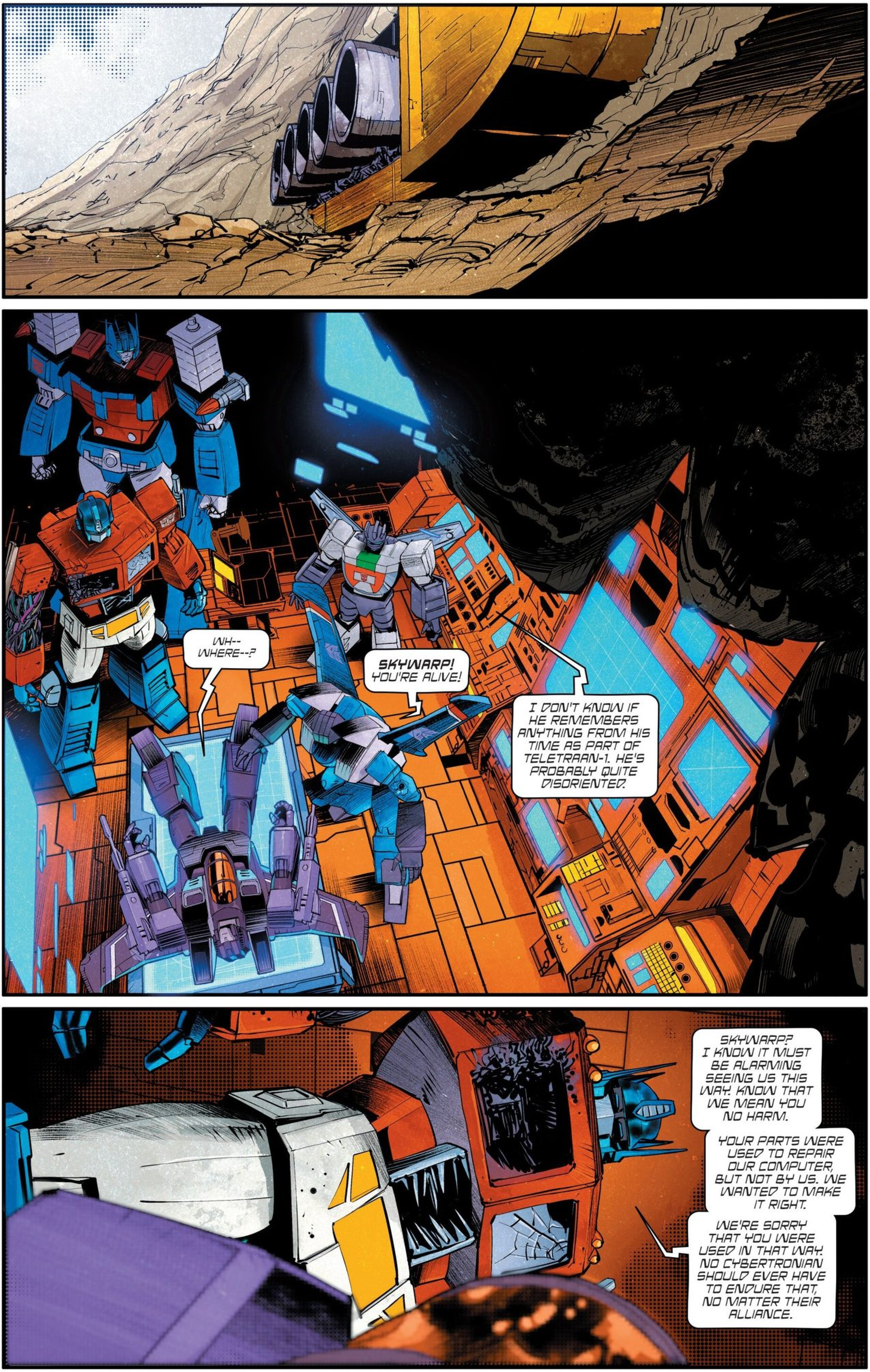

I FIGURE YOU COULD USE THIS.
STAY PUT, OR I'LL RESCIND THE OFFER.
THAT'S IT. DON'T MAKE ME REGRET MY GENEROSITY.
YOUR ACTIONS. APPRECIATED.
YOUR MOTIVE. QUESTIONABLE.
MY MOTIVE?
I KNOW HOW LITTLE ENERGON WE'RE ALL SCRAPING BY WITH SINCE WE GOT HERE. I'M JUST TRYING TO PAY YOU A KINDNESS.
YOUR ATTEMPTS TO TURN ME AGAINST MY KIND. UTTER FAILURE. I WAS NOT SWAYED BEFORE. I WILL NOT BE SWAYED NOW.
AUTOBOTS, INFERIOR. DECEPTICONS, SUPERIOR.
YOU SEEM AWFUL LOYAL TO A GROUP WHO ABANDONED YOU AND LEFT YOU FOR DEAD AT YOUR LOWEST MOMENT.
IT'S ADMIRABLE, BUT IF YOU'LL FORGIVE ME, A LITTLE FOOLISH.
YOUR GIFT. APPRECIATED. YOUR CLUMSY ATTEMPT TO TURN ME TO YOUR SIDE. LAUGHABLE.
HA.
HA.
HA.
FAIR ENOUGH.
ENJOY THE ENERGON.

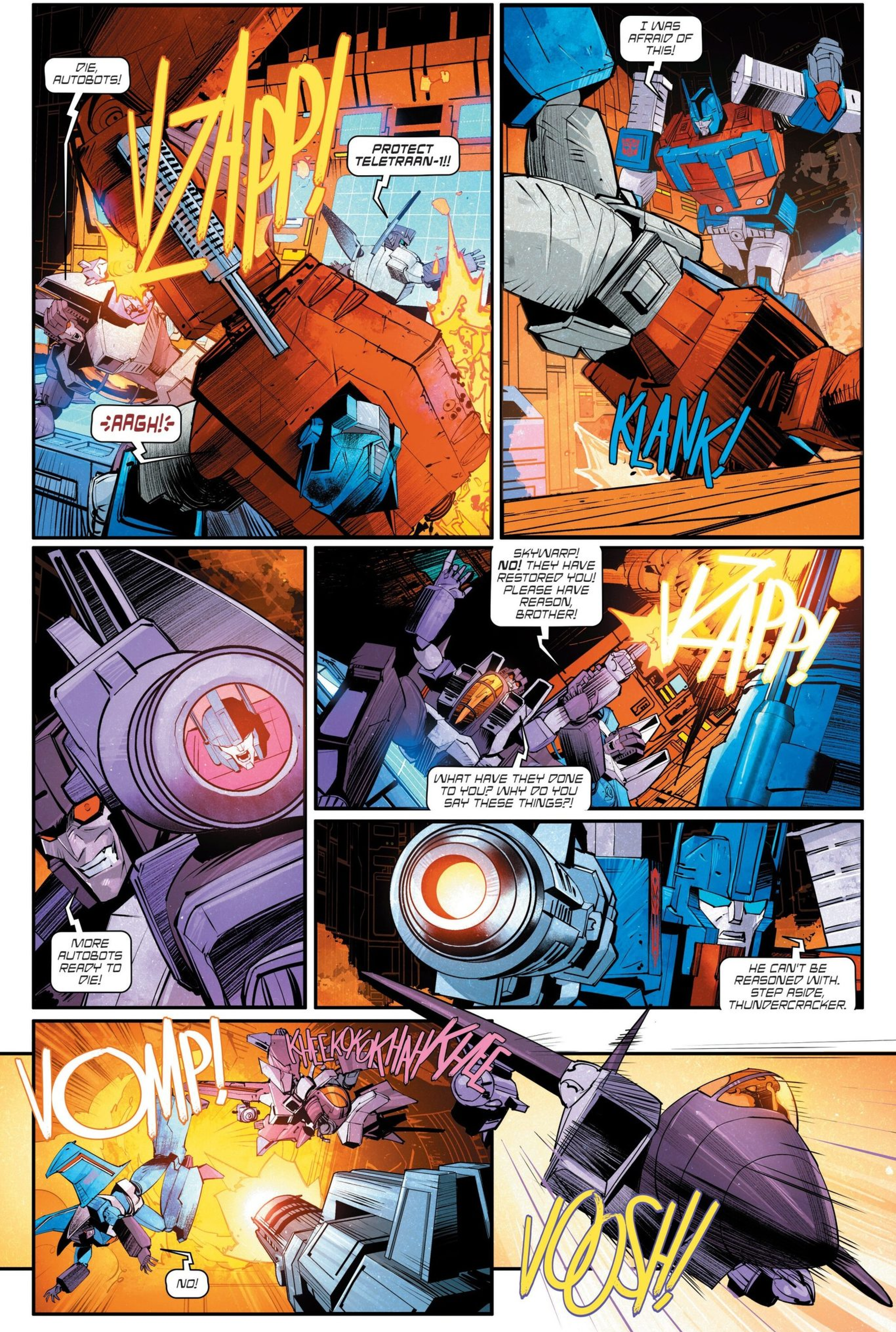

CHICAGO.
≈UMPH!≈
I'VE GOT SURVIVORS HERE!
ON MY WAY!
HURRY!
I KNOW YOU'RE SCARED, BUT HE'S ONE OF THE GOOD ONES. I'M CARLY, WE'VE GOTTA GET YOU OUT OF THERE FAST!
FOLLOW ME.
I-- CAN'T--
NO-- NO--
I'VE GOT IT.
THANKS, SHREDHEAD.

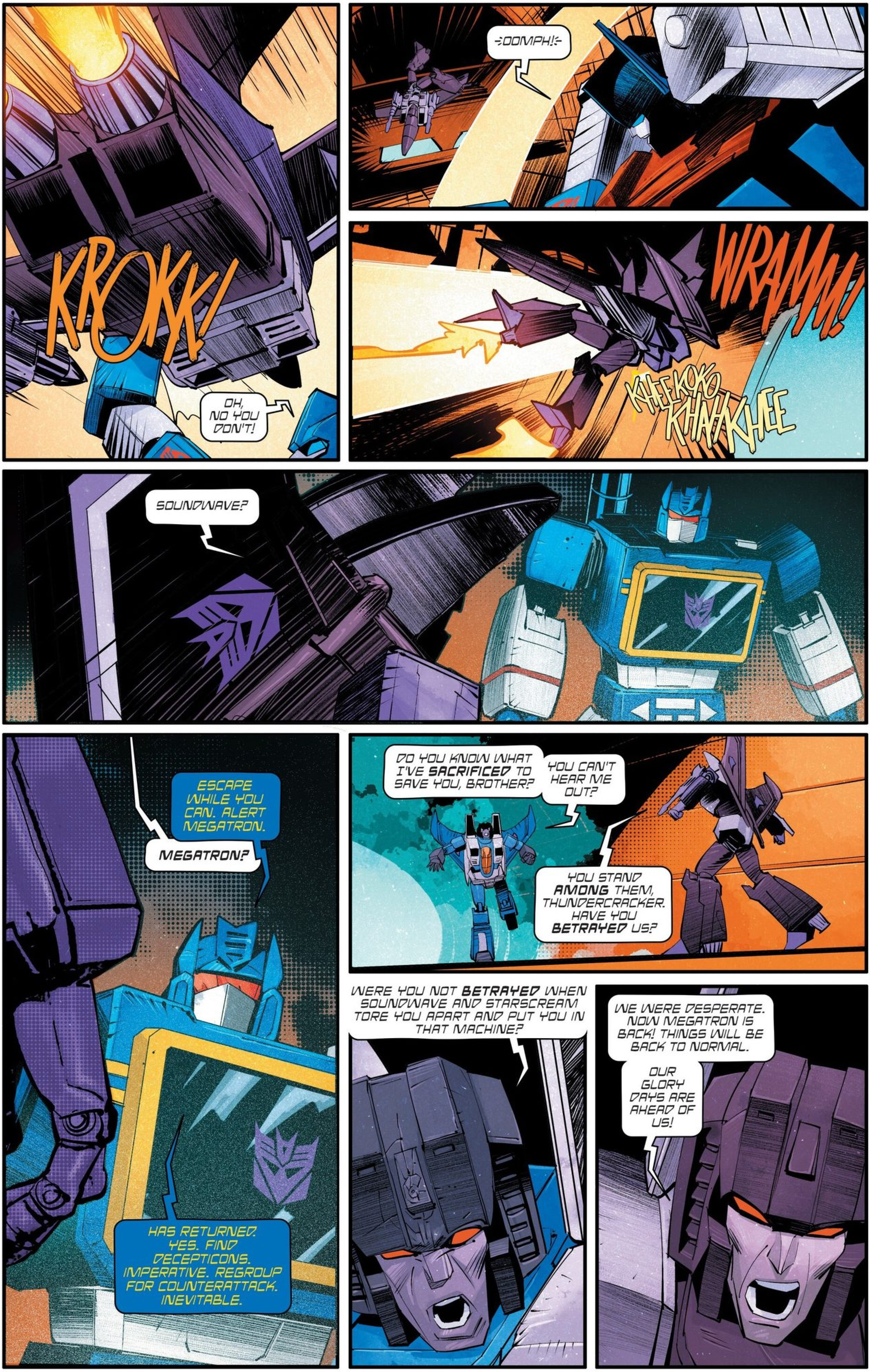

THAT ONE IS SOMETHING ELSE, *HUH?*
THAT'S ONE WAY OF PUTTING IT. *"RAD AS HECK"* ALSO COMES TO MIND.
HOW ARE YOU HOLDING UP WITH ALL THIS, SPIKE?
HANGING IN THERE, I GUESS. GOING THROUGH EVERYTHING WE'VE GONE THROUGH... AND THEN BEING SURROUNDED BY PEOPLE WHO SOMEHOW HAVE IT ***WORSE...*** IT'S WILD.
YEAH. *WILD* IS A WORD.
COME HERE.
IT'S OKAY.
WE'RE ***STRONG.*** WE'RE GOING TO GET THROUGH THIS.
YOU SOUND JUST LIKE HIM.
MY DAD?
NO. OPTIMUS PRIME.
...
YOU'RE A WELCOME MEMBER OF THE TEAM. NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.
THANK YOU. MEANS A LOT COMING FROM A CELEBRATED WARRIOR LIKE YOU, ARCEE.

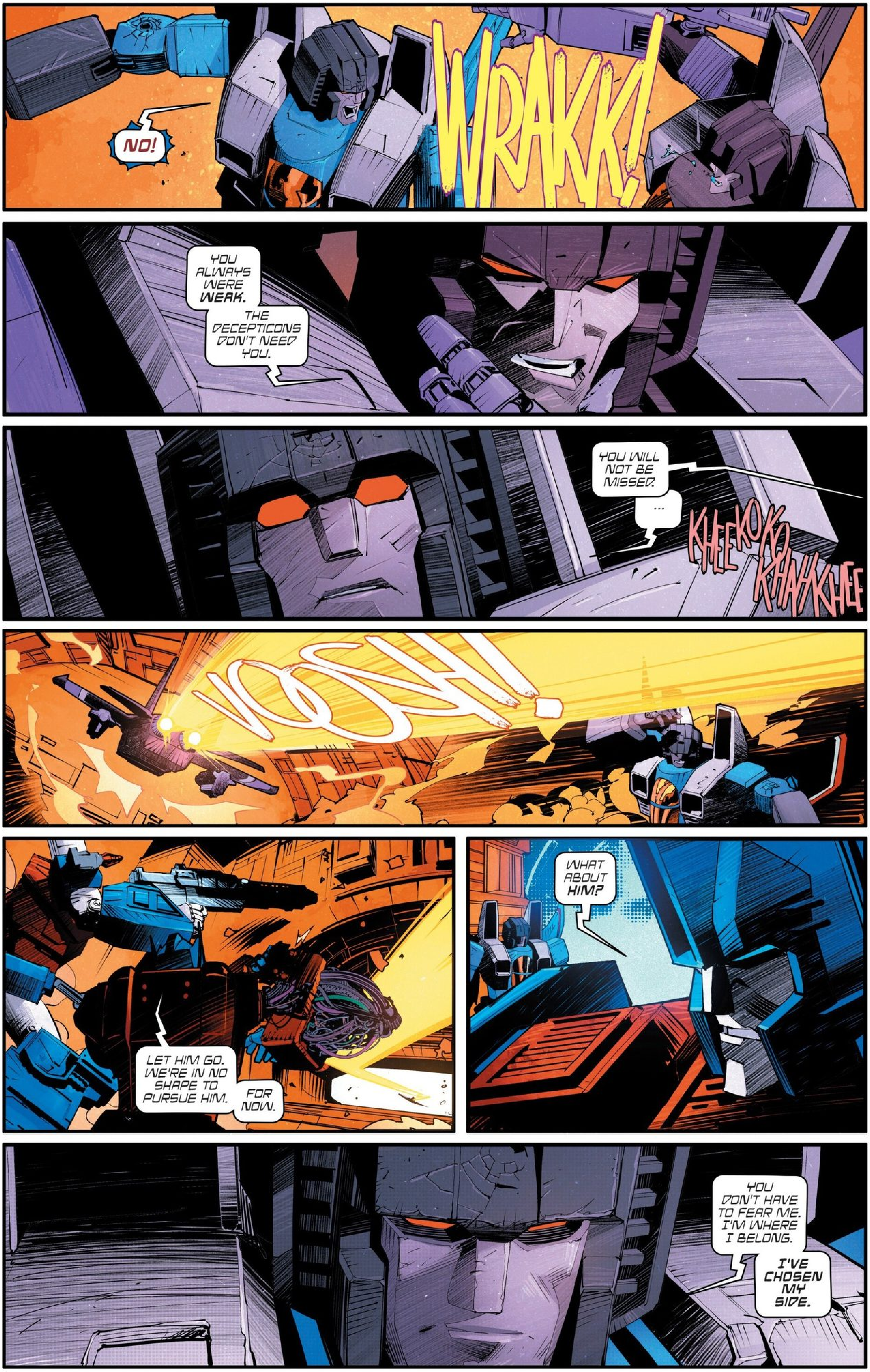

SHADOW WATCH UNDERGROUND BASE.
YOU GOT THE SCANS?
SHOW ME.
YES. THE RENDERING IS COMPLETE.
REMARKABLE. SO WE NOW HAVE A 3-D BUILD OF THAT MECHANICAL MONSTROSITY. EVERY SINGLE SURFACE MEASURED PRECISELY. A PERFECT REPLICA.
YES, SIR.
DO THE CONVERSION.
ASTOUNDING. EVERY ADJUSTMENT. EVERY DISTORTION OF EVERY SINGLE PIECE FROM ONE FORM TO THE OTHER. *ALL RECORDED.*
DOES GENERAL FLAGG KNOW ABOUT THIS SCAN?
IT'S CATALOGUED IN THE DATABASE, BUT I HAVEN'T TRANSFERRED THE REPORT YET, DIRECTOR MAYHEM. SO CURRENTLY, NO.
WHY DO YOU...?
THE *FEWER* PEOPLE AWARE OF THIS... *THE BETTER.*
BLAM!

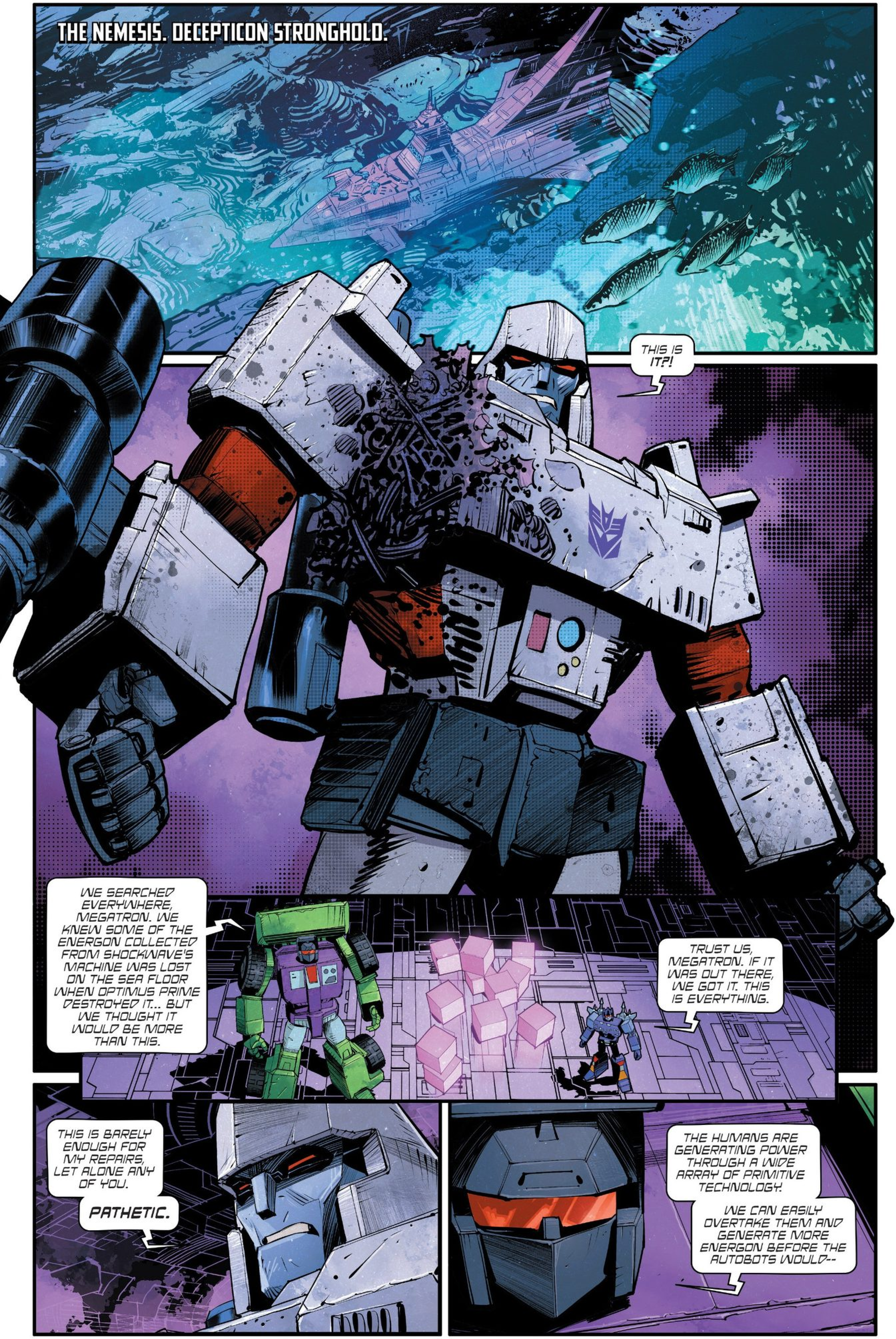

CYBERTRON.
ME?
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I CAN DO THIS, IF I EVEN WOULD?
DESPITE YOUR BETRAYAL, IT HAS LONG BEEN KNOWN YOU'RE ONE OF THE BRAVEST AMONG US, CLIFFJUMPER. YOUR ABILITY IS NEVER IN QUESTION.
AS FOR WHY WOULD YOU? TO REDEEM YOURSELF.
I DID NOTHING WRONG! I WAS HELPING OPTIMUS AND MY FELLOW AUTOBOTS ON EARTH. I WOULD DO IT AGAIN WITHOUT HESITATION!
EARTH?! EARTH?! WHAT IS IT ABOUT THAT BACKWARDS PLANET? WHAT MAKES IT SO IMPORTANT WHILE WE ARE FIGHTING AND DYING HERE ON OUR HOMEWORLD?!
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANOTHER WORD ABOUT EARTH! I FIGHT FOR CYBERTRON, AND YOU BETRAYED IT FOR EARTH!
I'LL GO INTO DECEPTICON TERRITORY. I'LL GET YOU THE COMPONENTS YOU NEED TO REACTIVATE THE SPACE BRIDGE. BUT NOT TO REDEEM MYSELF.
I'LL GO SO THAT WHEN YOU CONFRONT OPTIMUS--HE CAN TALK SOME SENSE INTO YOU!
SENSE?
LET ME REMIND YOU HOW DESPERATE WE ARE.
DOES THIS MAKE SENSE?
ELITA--?
NO, KUP.. SAVE YOUR STRENGTH.

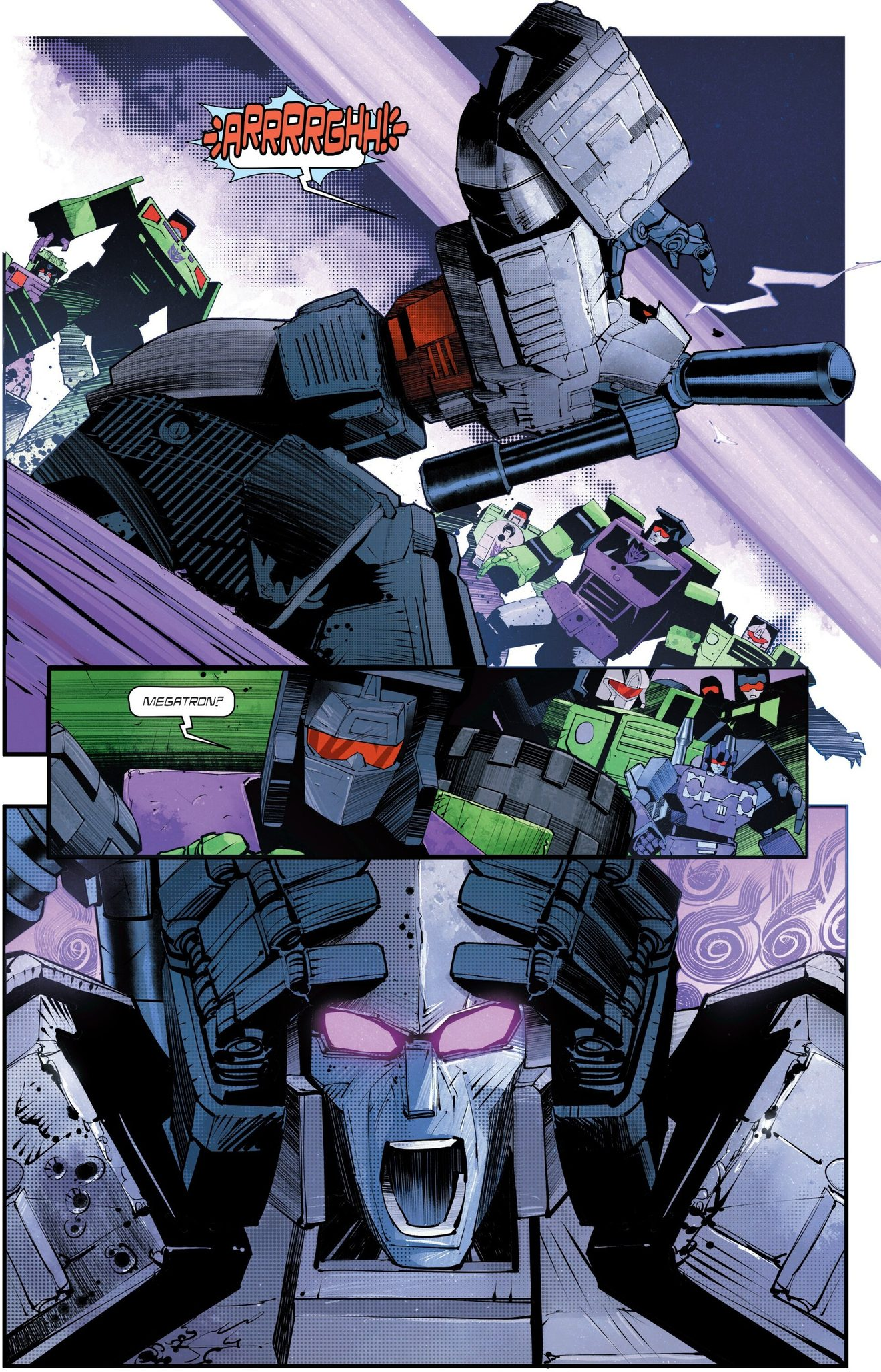

WH-- WHERE--?
SKYWARP! YOU'RE ALIVE!
I DON'T KNOW IF HE REMEMBERS ANYTHING FROM HIS TIME AS PART OF TELETRAAN-1. HE'S PROBABLY QUITE DISORIENTED.
SKYWARP? I KNOW IT MUST BE ALARMING SEEING US THIS WAY. KNOW THAT WE MEAN YOU NO HARM.
YOUR PARTS WERE USED TO REPAIR OUR COMPUTER, BUT NOT BY US. WE WANTED TO MAKE IT RIGHT.
WE'RE SORRY THAT YOU WERE USED IN THAT WAY. NO CYBERTRONIAN SHOULD EVER HAVE TO ENDURE THAT, NO MATTER THEIR ALLIANCE.


DIE, AUTOBOTS!
VZAPP!
PROTECT TELETRAAN-1!!
AARGH!
I WAS AFRAID OF THIS!
KLANK!
MORE AUTOBOTS READY TO DIE!
SKYWARP! **NO!** THEY HAVE RESTORED YOU! PLEASE HAVE REASON, BROTHER!
VZAPP!
WHAT HAVE THEY DONE TO YOU? WHY DO YOU SAY THESE THINGS?!
HE CAN'T BE REASONED WITH. STEP ASIDE, THUNDERCRACKER.
VOMP!
KHEEKOKOKHAHKHEE
NO!
VOOSH!


KROKK!
OH, NO YOU DON'T!
=OOMPH!=
WRAMM!
KHEEKOKO KHAHKHEE
SOUNDWAVE?
ESCAPE WHILE YOU CAN. ALERT MEGATRON.
MEGATRON?
HAS RETURNED. YES. FIND DECEPTICONS. IMPERATIVE. REGROUP FOR COUNTERATTACK. INEVITABLE.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT I'VE **SACRIFICED** TO SAVE YOU, BROTHER?
YOU CAN'T HEAR ME OUT?
YOU STAND **AMONG** THEM, THUNDERCRACKER. HAVE YOU **BETRAYED** US?
WERE YOU NOT **BETRAYED** WHEN SOUNDWAVE AND STARSCREAM TORE YOU APART AND PUT YOU IN THAT MACHINE?
WE WERE DESPERATE. NOW MEGATRON IS BACK! THINGS WILL BE BACK TO NORMAL.
OUR GLORY DAYS ARE AHEAD OF US!


NO!
WRAKK!
YOU ALWAYS WERE WEAK.
THE DECEPTICONS DON'T NEED YOU.
YOU WILL NOT BE MISSED.
...
KHEEKOKO KHAHKHEE
VOOSH!
LET HIM GO. WE'RE IN NO SHAPE TO PURSUE HIM.
FOR NOW.
WHAT ABOUT HIM?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FEAR ME. I'M WHERE I BELONG.
I'VE CHOSEN MY SIDE.


THE NEMESIS. DECEPTICON STRONGHOLD.
THIS IS IT?!
WE SEARCHED EVERYWHERE, MEGATRON. WE KNEW SOME OF THE ENERGON COLLECTED FROM SHOCKWAVE'S MACHINE WAS LOST ON THE SEA FLOOR WHEN OPTIMUS PRIME DESTROYED IT... BUT WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE MORE THAN THIS.
TRUST US, MEGATRON. IF IT WAS OUT THERE, WE GOT IT. THIS IS EVERYTHING.
THIS IS BARELY ENOUGH FOR MY REPAIRS, LET ALONE ANY OF YOU.
PATHETIC.
THE HUMANS ARE GENERATING POWER THROUGH A WIDE ARRAY OF PRIMITIVE TECHNOLOGY.
WE CAN EASILY OVERTAKE THEM AND GENERATE MORE ENERGON BEFORE THE AUTOBOTS WOULD--


ARRRRGHH!
MEGATRON?

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Welcome back to another Matrix of Lettership! I'm your editor and host, Ben, and I want to take a moment to say a great big THANK YOU to all the fans and retailers who've supported this series for 26 issues (wow!). We wouldn't be here without you and I'm so excited for what we have planned over the next 26 issues!

Let's check this month's mailbag.

Dear Transformers Skybound Team,

I just read the last part of Transformers Skybound today. It's such a great ending. I love it so much and congratulations for successfully making the end this beautiful. Been reading this since 2024. I'm kinda sad it came to an end, but I told myself I must be happy, because if I'm sad about it then it has a great story.

The other sad part is Cliffjumper's fate and everyone in Cybertron. The last thing I remember is Elita ordered him to be put in chains and Carly actually cared about him and wanted to apologize, but they never met again until the end of the comics. Would there be spinoffs regarding this? Because it feels hanging, and I genuinely want to know.

I'm so sorry if my English is bad, I'm still learning.

Sincerely,
PinkChytah

Thank you for your support, PinkChyta, and writing in! All I will say is keep reading to find out what happens next with Cliffjumper…

Bah-weep-graaaagnah wheep ni ni bong!

Greetings to DWJ, Jorge Corona and all the Energon Universe team. I admit this is my first time writing to a letters page, and I'm not entirely sure this is going to be read. I can just imagine all the feedback you've gotten since issue #24 came out. And that's why I'm here. I'm quite new to the fandom, sure I had contact with the franchise but my love for it reignited recently with TF One (what can I say? It was a great movie). I was craving for more content and of course there is the IDW run, but I had seen several panels here and there from the EU and just had to check it out. I absolutely devoured the first 14 issues and couldn't sleep without knowing what was going to happen next. My mind was blown with this G1-ish twist and how the Autobots fought these cruel versions of the Cons. The art just fits the atmosphere, the actions scenes are visceral, and the expressions...Oh my goodness I love what has been done with the art.

This, unironically, helped me through tough times, as cliché as it may sound. I just had started med school and waiting for the next issue helped me go through the roughest tests. What you have done with Megatron, with Optimus, Sparkplug, Spike and Carly (basically one of the best human casts since a while), and especially Starscream, is just spectacular.

And yes, I'm writing because Starscream's character is terrific. He has grown to be my favorite character in the franchise. He can be whatever, from irredeemable monster to unexpected hero. Now, Ulchtar is quite unique. He's a victim of war and mind control. But that can't erase his sins, can it? But that moment with the Titan just…My goodness I screamed. Can we expect a redemption arc? I can't wait for the new era. I'll miss the old team because you have made one of the best TF media ever! No doubt! I'm sure Kirkman and Co. will do great. Maybe there's more to this universe than meets the eye?

I'll keep reading every month. If I keep talking about how much I love this comic, my PC will get diabetes. Greetings from Caracas, Venezuela!

-Adriana

We really appreciate you supporting our series, Adriana, and taking the time to write in (first letter written and now first letter PRINTED!). We're honored that our series has helped you make it through some rough times and I think Daniel, Jorge, Mike, Rus and the rest of the gang created a truly remarkable 24 issues…but I think what Robert and Dan are creating now is equal to the task of matching the epic nature you expect from the series. We hope you love it! (Also, for the record, TRANSFORMERS ONE is a great film!)

Hello to the Energon Universe Team!

I'm Philip, and I became of fan of the franchise since last year. This is my first time writing a letter and I just want to say, I truly loved your work. As a college student, Transformers has helped me go through the stress and struggles in college, it has inspired me to keep going and to always hold on to hope, this story is one of the reasons why I became an official fan of this franchise. Your work has inspired me to go back to my hobby in writing. And I hope, as a Future Educator, I can teach what this story has taught me to my future students, that no matter how hard life is, there will always be hope. Thank you!

Till' all are one,
Philip Alexander L. Moreno

Another first time letter writer--welcome, Philip! It's humbling to know our series has helped so many people through some stressful or challenging times and it's an honor to know it's inspired you to get back to writing. I think your future students are going to be lucky to have you as their teacher!

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YES YES YES MOTHER####ING YES ULCHTAR!!!

Oh man I knew this was a Starscream series. Thank you.

Beyond that, this was a fantastic wrap-up to Johnson's arc overall. I wasn't sure he could pull it all to a satisfying end, but he did. Amazingly visceral fight between Prime and Megatron, with great work by Corona. This is a pure kids' dream, but also backed up by some thoughtful, slowly, and carefully built adult emotions and philosophies about war, family, and violence.

The Omega Supreme fly-by was beautiful, like something weird in a French art film that you don't know what it means, but it means so much.

Shredhead was fun and stylish and should be a great addition to the cast in the future. And Prime's quote from the movie? Pretty much the definition of pitch-perfect usage here. I read it, I thought 'Wait, really?' I read it again. I read it at least five times, because it was such an ideal nod to the movie and also fit in so perfectly in context here.

Finally, I know Screamer will be back. All hail Ulchtar the Wise! Ulchtar the Humanitarian! Ulchtar the Believer!

Love,
Chris Wildrick

Always good to hear from you, Chris, and we all appreciate your kind words. Getting the double page spread of the Guardian fly-by in #24 was an electric moment! SO beautiful and majestic, Jorge and Mike absolutely crushed it.

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Hi!!!

My name is Ashley Kafka!! I'm a teenager reader that got into the Transformers franchise due to a long gone friend, Sara. This comic, in fact, was actually the first introduction. It was a recommendation before she passed away and I'm very happy on seeing the history unfold. When it releases in my native language, I plan on buying the volumes since I'll be moving out of the US soon due to my studies given that I am Brazilian.

Please, keep up the good work! I will read this comic to her when I'm back home, so make sure to give it a great conclusion to the first arc!!!

Thank you writing in, Ashley, and while your introduction to our series sounds like it came with heartbreaking circumstances, I'm so thrilled the material connected with you. Please let us know what you thought of #24…and #25, the start of our epic new arc!

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And that's a wrap, folks! Please keep the letters rolling in and next month, we'll have the legendary Robert Kirkman join us in answering letters! See you in 30 days!

-Ben

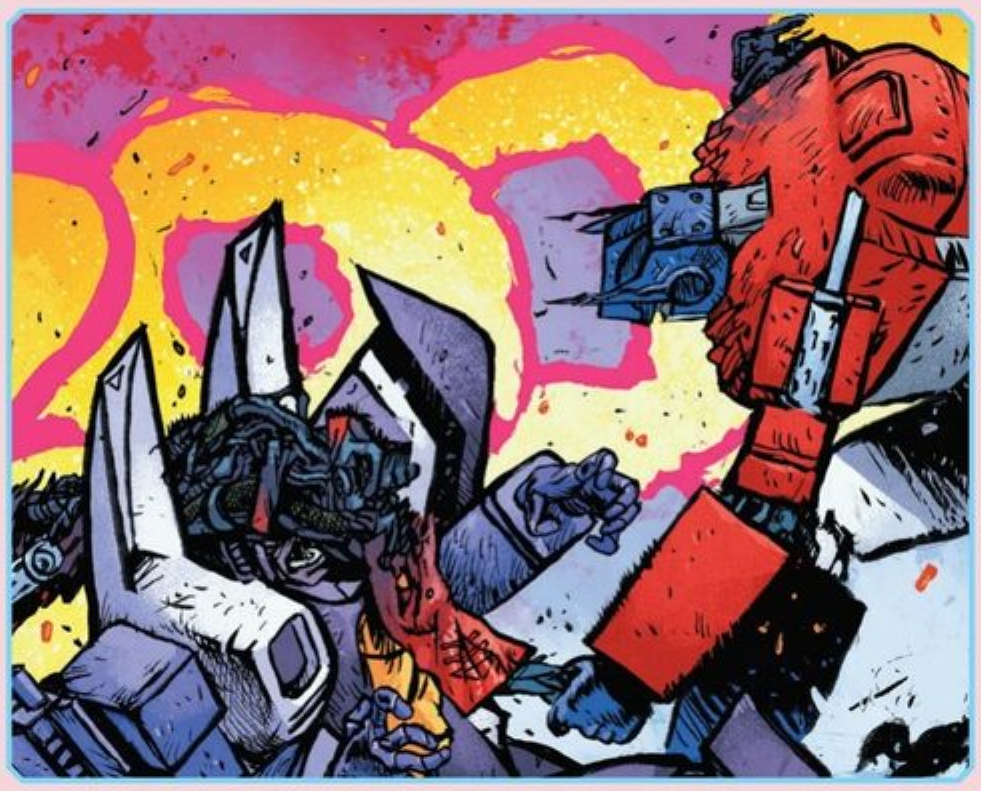
ENERGON EXPERIENCE

Thundercracker's back, baby!

I've said this in a letter column before but Thundercracker is one of my all-time favorite characters from G-1 as he was the first Transformers toy I got as a kid! I've loved his character growth over the course of this series, and his mysterious return last month really got folks buzzing. Then, after this issue, he's at a real crossroads with his future. I got absolute chills when I read the script and he grimly noted, "I've chosen my side." I can't wait for y'all to read what happens next!

Ben!

-Ben Abernathy, Executive Editor

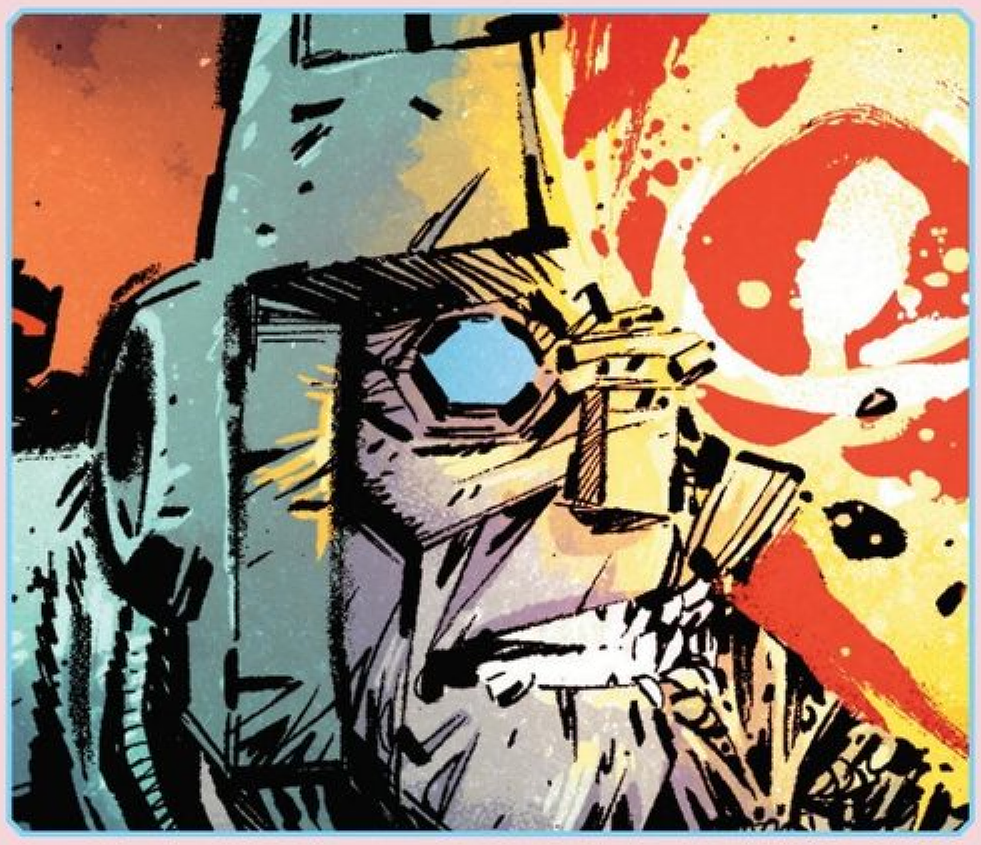


CHARACTER SPOTLIGHT

WHO: Skywarp

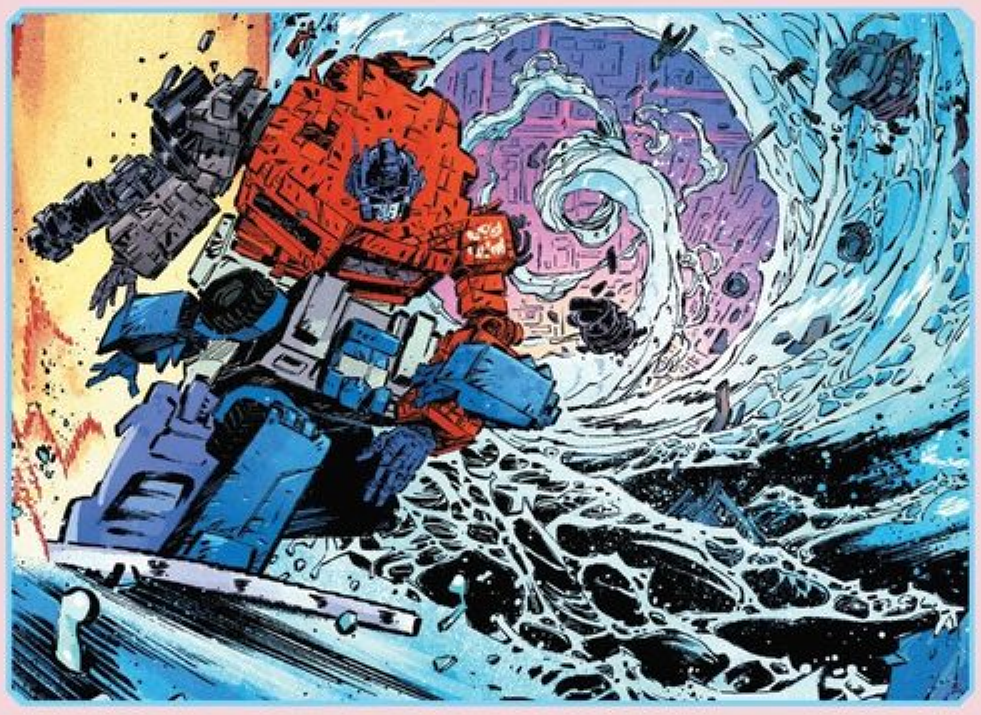
WHERE: A proud warrior and Seeker, Skywarp is a loyal ally and a powerful enemy!

WHAT: After a brutal fight with Optimus Prime, highlighted by Optimus ripping his own arm off to beat the Decepticon senseless, Skywarp was torn apart by Starscream and Soundwave to repair Teletraan-1. Now that he's been repaired, however, his thirst for war against the Autobots is unabated!



NOT YOUR KUP OF TEA?

Fans of the crotchety old Autobot warrior can finally rejoice! Y'all THOUGHT this cantankerous old bot took a kill shot waaaay back in TRANSFORMERS #7, and now we know, he only got half of his face blown off! I wonder, does that mean the Kup is only half full?



CREATOR SPOTLIGHT

I'm overdue in asking our amazing and renowned letterer Rus Wooton the burning question on the mind of all fans...

Q: Rus Wooton, if you had an alt-mode, what would it be?

A: I would turn into some sort of amphibious vehicle, so I could do land and water, maybe even a submarine.

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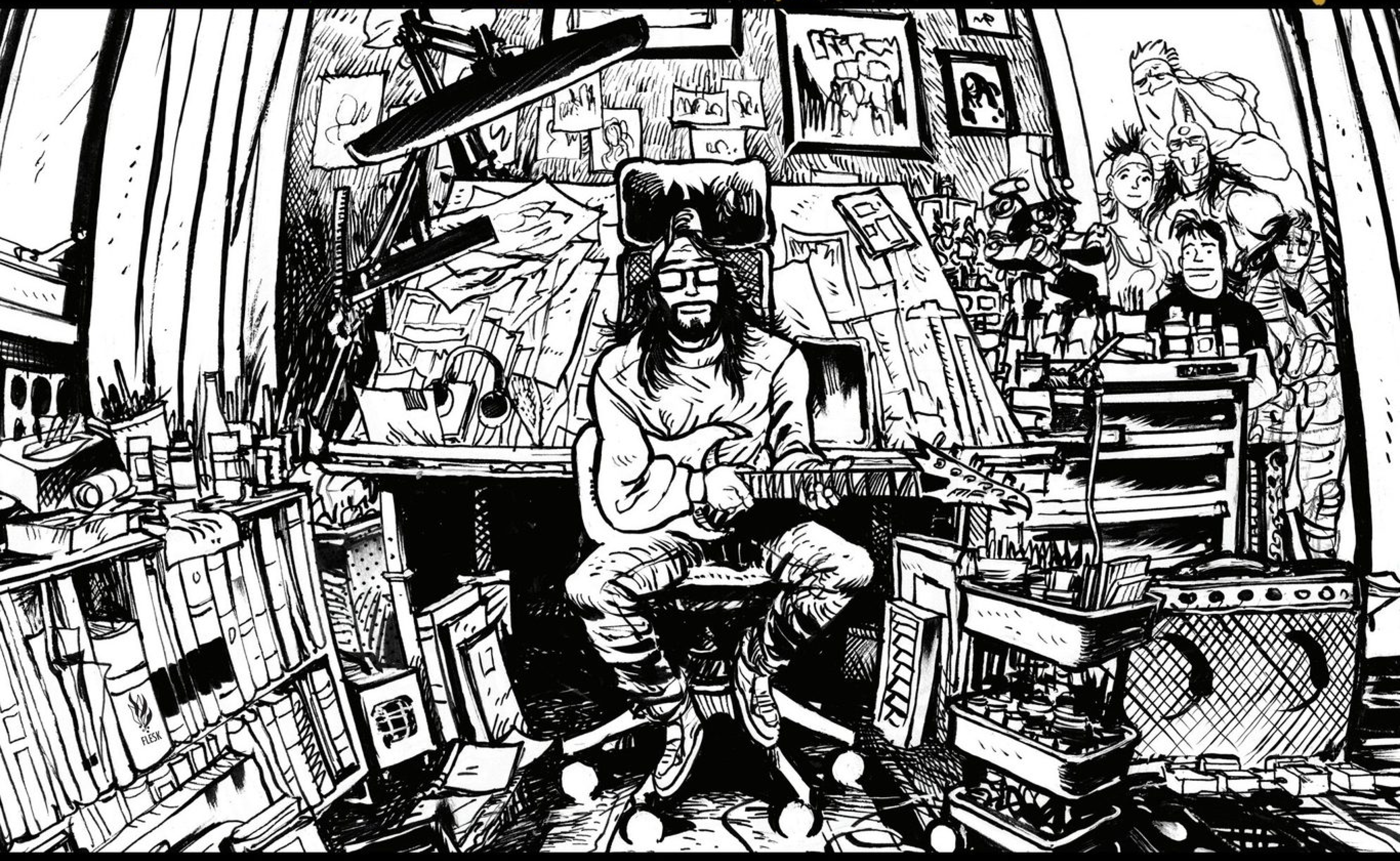

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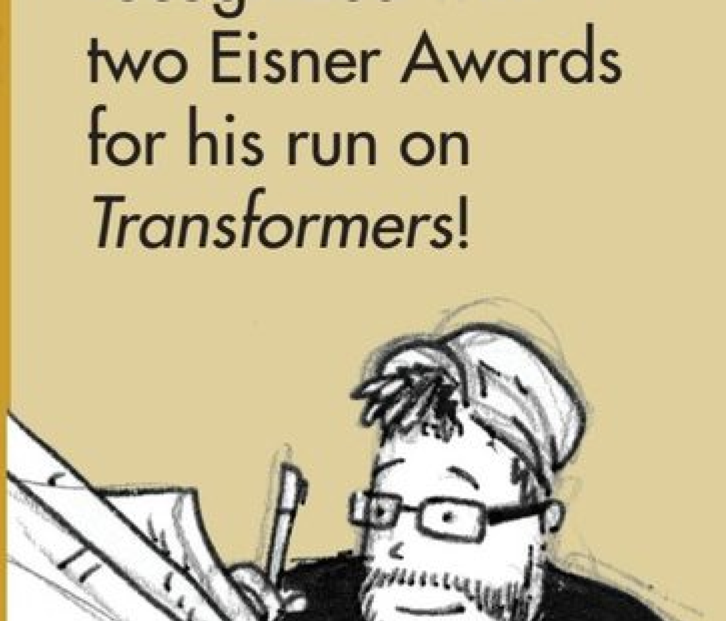

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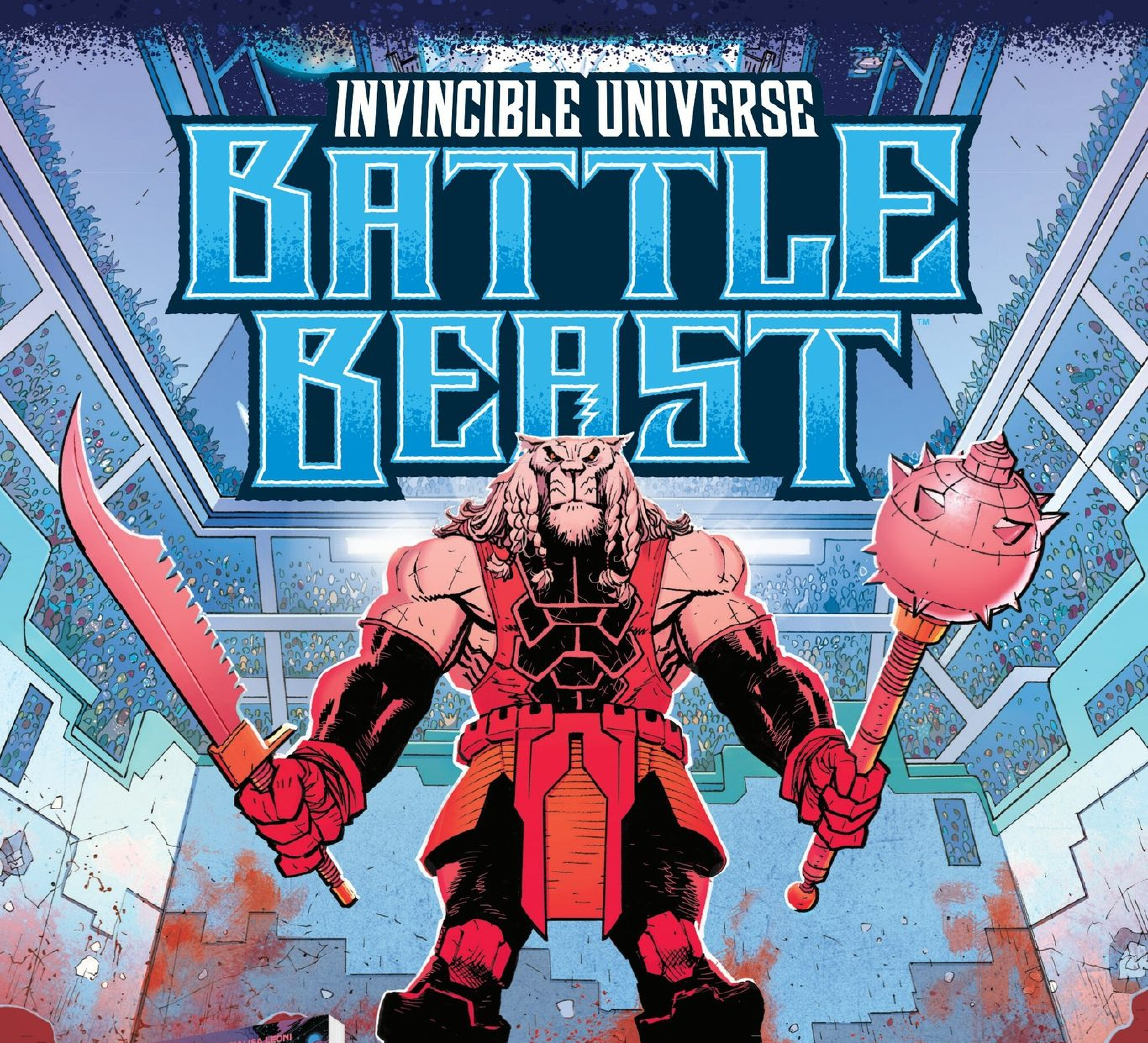
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